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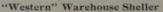
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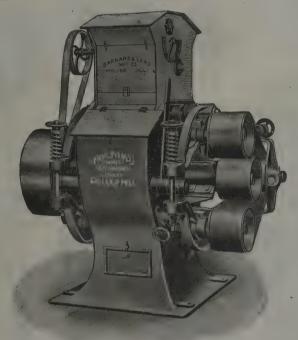
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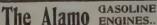




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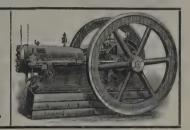
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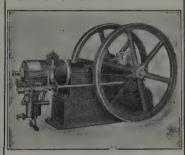
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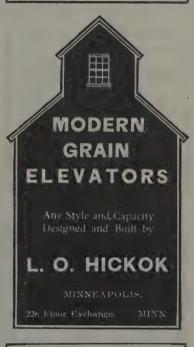
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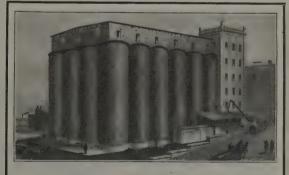
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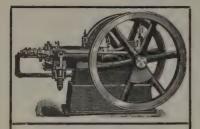
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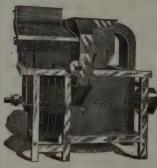
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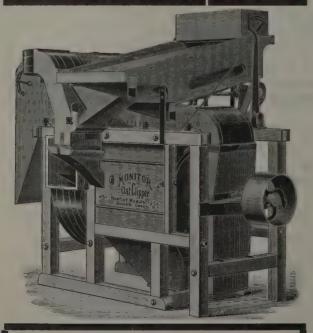
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GUESSING the weight of grain you place in car with a reliable scale is the only guessing weigh country shippers can afford to indulge in.

THE assn. which keeps a record of shortages occurring at different receiving elevators or mills will soon arrive at the cause of the trouble if every member of the assn. is careful to weigh his grain before shipment as well as to report accurately the outrun weights.

ANOTHER get - rich - quick scheme which was paying (?) investors 4 per cent monthly dividends has gone to the wall, and its promoters have disappeared with \$2,500,000 of the people's money. Four per cent monthly dividends has no attraction whatever as compared with the average weekly dividend of 3.08 per cent claimed to have been paid last year to investors by C. C. Goodrich & Co., of Chicago.

ONE of Chicago's grain samplers recently had himself appointed as an inspector and weigher of grain at South Bend, Ind., and it was given out that he would be under the direction of the Chicago Board of Trade and be paid by that organization. The gentleman has no connection whatever with the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Board of Trade has nothing whatever to do with his work or with his appointment.

BALTIMORE sent a committée of its leading grain receivers to gulf ports recently to investigate the methods adopted there for attracting shipments of export grain. No doubt new methods and new facilities, as well as up-to-date grain driers, will soon be installed for the henefit of shippers to and foreign importers from Baltimore.

THE country town which undertakes to force the use of its weights upon the local grain buyers must guarantee correct weights or lay itself liable to suit for damages for loss caused the buyer The city weighman is generally a sleepy individual looking for a sinecure, and is not likely to know when his scale is in working order or to stumble on to his own errors in recording or reading.

THE CINCINNATI Chamber of Commerce has appointed a special committee to make a thoro investigation of the grain weighing system and facilities in that market and to recommend such improvements as will in its estimation insure weights that will be above question all the time. Progress made in this line in different markets during recent years is most commendable, and we feel certain that the Cincinnati receivers will insist on that market's having a weighing department which can be depended upon to do perfect work.

BAD ORDER cars arriving at destination prove first that country shippers continue their carelessness in coopering cars, and, second, that both cars and car doors are not up to the standard needed in the grain shipping business of this country. The steel-lined car is the only apparent solution of the shortage problem at present, but the railroad companies do not seem ready to provide cars of this character for transporting grain. When shippers insist on the delivery at destination of every bushel of grain placed in the car, carriers will be willing to provide better facilities.

PHILADELPHIA grain merchants have commenced taking steps looking to the securing of what they deem their legitimate share of the export grain trade of the country and recently the Commercial Exchange of that city adopted a resolution protesting against the establishment of freight differentials in favor of Gulf ports so large as to prevent Atlantic ports from obtaining their share of the trade. They have long felt that the differential in favor of the Gulf ports was unjustly large. It will take much more than a resolution to induce the lines running to the Gulf ports, which are so largely dependent upon the grain traffic for their revenue, to permit the establishment of differentials which shall take much grain from Iowa and Nebraska to Atlantic ports. However, the traffic is worth a struggle.

THE ninth annual meeting of the Grain Dealers Nat'l Assn. will be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3.

THE UNIFORM bill of lading has finally been withdrawn absolutely and for all time by the Uniform Bill of Lading Committee of the Trunk Line Ass'n. The shipping public is not only willing, but is anxious to have a uniform bill of lading, but it expects, and rightly, that rail carriers shall not seek thereby to escape any of their common law liabilities or to increase the rates.

THE vigorous campaign being conducted by the Iowa, the Tri-state and the Nebraska grain dealers assns., in the interest of careful seed selection by the grain growers of the West, is arousing more and more interest. The newspapers of the territory are being enlisted in the work and nearly every farmer is bombarded with seed selection literature, and talk from all sides. Never before has such an earnest, vigorous effort been made to induce the farmer to indulge in careful, thoughtful, intelligent farming. The promoters of these campaigns are of course interested, but not near so much as the farmer himself in the production of large quantities of good grain. The fact that all the work and campaigning is done without any cost to the grower seems finally to have impressed him with the earnestness of the workers and the lecturers are being received at many stations by large numbers of eager auditors.

A BILL has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature by a Dr. Dorsey, which provides for special legislation that is neither necessary nor constitutional. Ostensibly the bill is designed "to secure an equitable assessment to line elevator properties," but in reality it simply makes falsely reporting quantity of grain in grain warehouses May 1st to assessor a misdemeanor. It is aimed at the agents of line elevator companies. Doctors will be permitted to report falsely the amount of money they have invested in surgical instruments or the amount of unpaid accounts on their books, but the elevator agent, according to law, must tell the truth. If the assessors are convinced that the agents are rendering false reports, then it should be their duty to measure the bins—a very simple matter for any one who understands multiplication and division. The author of this bill seems to be sorely in need of enlightenment. It is not necessary for the line elevator companies to have their agents lie for them. They simply ship the grain out of the country and thus avoid paying taxes on it at country stations and taxes on the capital invested in it at headquarters. They are averse to double taxation or even taxation on property purchased with borrowed money.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL.

The proposition to abolish the affiliated membership of the Grain Dealers Nat'l Assn. comes to promoters and builders of that organization, who are familiar with its early struggles for existence as the most impracticable suggestion yet brot to light for improving its usefulness to the trade.

It was started Nov. 9, 1896, with only individual members, and after a year's energetic work in which it had little competition from state assns. for members, and during which Sec'y Chambers had the hearty co-operation of the members, it secured about 150 members. The only organization attempting to do practical work for the trade at the time the Nat'l was organized resented most bitterly this competition, just as the existing state and local assns. wud do today were the Nat'l to solicit and obtain any considerable number of country shippers as individual members in competition with them.

Before the annual meeting of 1898 was held, it was decided to provide for a change in the character of the membership in sections where it became necessary in order to allay this feeling.

The rapid increase in the number of state and local assns. made further changes necessary to accomplish the most good for the entire trade. The inability of a Nat'l Assn. to care for local troubles in all sections of the country prompted its officers to organize a number of local assns. In Indiana it formed four very successful locals which were afterwards merged into the present state assn. Affiliated membership in the Nat'l of the individual members of these local divisions as well as of the then existing state assns. was provided for at the meeting of 1899 at a nominal fee.

It was intended that most of the dues paid by the country shippers shud go to the support of the state and locals and that the Nat'l shud depend upon the receivers for its revenue—on the affiliated members for its numbers. The National has since refused to accept as individual members shippers in organized territory, but several of the state assns. have failed to do their full duty by the Nat'l, in that they have admitted receivers as members instead of turning all such over to the Nat'l and thus increasing its influence and strength for the promotion of interstate and national trade matters.

Receivers, track buyers, brokers and commission men are seldom interested in the work done by state and local assns., they join in hope of influencing business thru their membership. If all of them wud refuse to join any save the Nat'l and each wud enter into the work with an enthusiastic desire to promote the common trade interests of interstate and national import, then wud the state and locals be glad of the opportunity to have the con-

trolling voice in such work at \$1 per member paid in advance as intended.

The three essentials of a successful Nat'l Assn. are numbers, revenue and activity. By reducing its revenue the state assns. will reduce its power for activity even the it may have officers who are disposed to DO something in the interest of the trade.

#### EXPELLED FOR SKIMMING RE-TURNS.

The Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce recently expelled Alex McKinnon, of McKinnon Son & Co., for reporting to grain shippers the sale of consigned grain at a lower price than the one received. This is the third case which has come to light in the trade during the last year and a half. It is gratifying to know that the directors of the Chamber of Commerce were prompt in denouncing the practice and denying the offender admission to the floor.

Rumor has it that some wheat which was sold at \$1 was returned at 80c. Some shipments were docked 2 to 3 pounds and the grade changed. No market can afford to tolerate for a minute practices of this character. Any hesitation of an Exchange to deal rigidly with commission men who violate the trust placed in them will serve to destroy all confidence the country shippers may have in other receivers of that market, as well as encourage other tricksters to steal.

#### REDUCING THE FIRE HAZARD.

The occasional destruction of a grain elevator or flour mill which is equipped with automatic sprinklers, hand grenades, stand pipes and hose and other fire-fighting apparatus merely emphasizes the necessity of inspecting at regular intervals fire pumps and all other apparatus designed to extinguish fires in their incipiency. Not only can fire-fighting apparatus be kept in working order by regular self-inspection, but the fire hazard as well as the insurance cost can be greatly reduced by such inspection.

The oftener parties interested inspect their plants for the purpose of reducing the hazard, the more effectively will the work be done. It is reasonable to suppose that any number of men whose risks are properly constructed from a fire insurance standpoint can thru intelligent study and co-operation with the mutual companies reduce the fire insurance cost to one-half the present cost of insurance in those companies.

The fires at Cedar Rapids and New Orleans would have been extinguished in their incipiency if the apparatus for extinguishing fire had been kept in prime working condition. Careful inspection would have brought to light defects before it was too late.

## STATE WEIGHING DEPARTMENT NOT WANTED.

Bills have been introduced in both branches of the Illinois legislature providing for the establishment of a state weighing department and the appointment of state weighmasters. The bill very clearly states that a "state weighman and assistant shall be appointed in all cities where there is state inspection of grain." This would eliminate Peoria which has fought long and valiantly against the politicians who have striven to obtain control of the grain inspection of that market. Chicago and E. St. Louis would, however, be easy prey for the horde of seekers after sine-cures.

The state can force its weighing only upon grain which goes into public elevators. This is the same way with the inspection which is not used by barley dealers or several large corn consumers. However, it would displace enuf of the weighers of the Chicago Board of Trade Weighing Department to increase greatly the cost of the same service at private elevators. The grain shippers of the West and the buyers of the South and East who patronize the Chicago market are well satisfied with the service of the weighing department and are opposed to any change being made.

They would also greatly prefer to have their grain weighed in E. St. Louis by the Merchants Exchange Weighing Department of St. Louis proper. Political weighmen have forced their services upon some of the elevators in E. St. Louis for several years past, but without satisfaction to any one except themselves. The trade interests of the St. Louis market would be fostered by having all the weighing and grading of that market under the supervision of the same department. At present it is encumbered with two political grain inspection departments where one could readily do all the work. By having one the grading of the market would be simplified and there would be no conflict of rules, grading or authority. Two weighing departments on top of two inspection departments would still further complicate the affairs of the market without in any way promoting the trade interests of the

House Bill No. 153 introduced by Mr. Oglesby is simply in the interest of a political machine and directly opposed to the best interests of St. Louis and Chicago as well as all grain dealers who do business in those markets.

COUNTRY elevator men can be of great assistance to grain growers of their section by running seed grain through their fanning mills, so as to remove all foreign matter and light grain, thus giving farmers the heavy, plump grain for seed and insuring a larger and better crop.

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#### FARMERS FIGHT GOOD ROADS.

Judging from the recent hot-headed agitation against the proposed legislation to tax property for the establishment of hard roads in Illinois, the farmers are against contributing anything to such improvements. No sane individual can bring himself to believe that the farmers are opposed to good roads or to using them. The amount that they would be taxed for the establishment of these roads would be small as compared with the portion of the tax levied upon property in towns and cities. Many farmers have spent several times the amount of their part of the tax for the proposed roads, in attending conventions to protest against any legislation providing state aid in the extension of good roads. How very, very narrow and near-sighted are those greatest users of country roads!

#### GRAIN FREIGHT RATES WILL AD-VANCE.

On April 1st the old freight rates on grain to all seaports will be restored. The change will effect an increase of three or four cents per hundred pounds on grain shipped from Missouri River points. Country elevator men who have grain in store are making haste to move it out at the old rate. The advance will bring about a proportional reduction in the price paid for grain at country stations, but the amount is small as compared with the good prices now being paid. Hence farmers will not be likely to leave their spring work in order to haul a little grain over bad roads.

The change serves to impress the trade with the advantage and profit, both to carrier and shipper, of steady freight rates throughout the year. The constant changing of rates and keeping alive through billing at old rates works to the disadvantage of the many and the profit of the few.

#### RECIPROCAL DEMURRAGE.

Reciprocal demurrage bills have been introduced in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and some other state legislatures in the hope of relieving the shipping public of the jug-handled demurrage extortion enforced by carriers. The lower house of the Minnesota legislature has seen fit to pass the bill by an overwhelming majority and no doubt the senate will follow suit, as the workers of the Northwest are utilizing every channel to arouse the shippers of the state to a realization of their interests in the matter.

Last year shippers and consignees of Illinois and Iowa were compelled to pay \$209,360 demurrage charges. This is as reported by the Car Service Assn. Only \$7,028 was refunded. The expenses of the assn. amounted to but \$20,031, hence the

profit to the railroad companies making up the assn. was \$182,301. This all came out of small shippers. Large shippers are seldom if ever bothered about so small a thing as demurrage.

The shipping public has tolerated this tax so long that many would now be willing to pay it were all offenders required to comply with the same regulations. But on the other hand and what is more, the carriers deliver everything as suits their pleasure and convenience without ever one thought of the expense or loss placed upon the owner by the delay.

THE grading of Red Russian Wheat as No. 2 has been taken up by the Missouri state legislature and referred to the Attorney General, who is directed to make a full and complete investigation of this action by the Missouri R. R. and Warehouse Commission, and no doubt even a greater row will be stirred up from this matter before the time for May deliveries expires. While it is not fair for the inspection department of St. Louis or E. St. Louis to change its grading on grain already in store unless its condition becomes changed, yet it would seem a good time for the inspection department on both sides of the river to recognize that Red Russian Wheat in no market sells by sample for the same price or anywhere near the same price as No. 2 Red Winter. The fact that the inspectors made a mistake at the start does not justify them in continuing it.

RAILROADS at Kansas City contemplate placing the grain receivers under bond so that cars can be delivered to any elevator without fear that the freight charges will not be paid. Several years ago one of these railroads sued a Nebr. shipper and collected the freight on grain he consigned to a St. Louis receiver, who failed before the railroad company made an earnest effort to collect it. In other words, the shipper was compelled to pay freight twice owing to the dereliction of carrier's collector. The carrier maintained that its contract was with the shipper and that he was liable altho it was the custom to collect from the receiver. It shud not be necessary to require bonds, but it wud be well for the grain shippers of the country to have some binder other than custom fixing receiver's liability for freight. The commission man who is merely the agent of the shipper is supposed to pay the freight out of the shipper's money.

#### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

(Other For Sale and Wanted Advertisements will be found on pages 323, 324, 325, 326 and 327 of this number.)

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL grain and coal business for sale in, Chicago, Good location; high class trade. Satisfactory reasons for wishing to sell. Address Wholesale, Box 6, Grain Dealers Journal, Chicago, Ill.

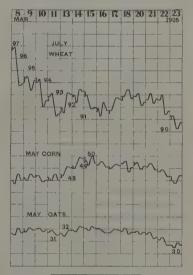
## Receipts of Wheat and Corn at Primary Markets.

Receipts of winter and spring wheat at the leading primary markets since July 1 and prior to March 24 have been 177,647,-000 bus., compared with 195,620,000 bus. for the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Corn receipts for the present crop year prior to March 24 have been 134,145,000 bus., against 124,248,000 bus. for the corresponding period a year ago.

## Chicago Prices

The opening, high, low and closing quotations on wheat for July and corn and oats for the May delivery at Chicago for 2 weeks prior to Mar. 24 are given on the chart herewith.



Rice imported by the Portland Rice Milling Co. at Portland, Ore., was invoiced as medium white broken rice for brewing purposes, and consisted of rice crushed or broken in the process of cleaning and polishing. The importers contended that it should have been classified under the provisions in the same paragraph for "rice broken which will pass through a sieve known commercially as number twelve wire sieve," "paddy," and "uncleaned rice." The collector found it would not pass through a No. 12 wire sieve, and classified it as cleaned rice under paragraph 232, tariff act of 1897. The U. S. General Appraisers at New York were of the opinion that paragraph 232 was "intended to extend to and define all kinds of imported rice," whether whole, broken, or ground into flour or meal, the evident purpose being that broken rice which is too large to pass through a No. 12 wire sieve shall be regarded for tariff purposes as whole rice, and decided against the importers.

## Asked-Answered

WANT ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF

Grain Dealers Journal: When started in the grain business here, about 12 months ago, we found that many prospective customers were asking for prices and demanding that drafts be drawn on them payable on arrival and inspection of them payable on arrival and inspection or contents of cars. (This, however, does not apply to our Texas millers, who pay demand drafts with bills of lading attached on all the grain sold them.) Our trouble above referred to is with buyers of corn, oats, and feedstuffs.

It has occurred to us that we may have succleded come pointed article in your

overlooked some pointed article in journal pertaining to the abuses and troubles that result to shippers where sales are made with drafts payable on particle and examination of goods. For overlooked some pointed article in your arrival and examination of goods. For ourselves we have taken the stand that we will not sell anyone anything in our line on any other terms than demand draft, bill of lading attached, payable on first presentation. An inspection on arrival of goods at destination by a buyer in many cases can only be partial inspection and is no guarantee whatever that the entire contents of the car will prove satisfactory, nor is it any guarantee whatever as to the weight.

Can you recall any article which you have published along this line, or have you any pointed suggestions to make which we could incorporate in a leaflet which we would like to get out? We will be glad to hear from you or your readers. would like to have several thousand of these printed to be enclosed and sent out to our trade when mailing them other matter.-Lone Star.

#### LANDLORD'S LIEN IN ILLINOIS.

Grain Dealers Journal: My impression is that a grain dealer is not responsible to the landlord unless the landlord notifies the dealer that rents are not paid.

I know of a case here now, in which the lease says no grain shall be sold from farm until rents are paid. The tenant sold 850 bus, of corn for which he collected 41 cents per bu., and has not paid his rent. Can the landlord recover from the man who bot the corn without having

been notified?—O. L. Gray, Watseka, Ill. Ans.: The Illinois statute provides "That every landlord shall have a lien upon the crops grown or growing upon the demised premises for the rent thereof, whether the same is payable wholly or in part in money or specific articles of property or products of the premises, or labor, and also for the faithful performance of the terms of the lease. Such lien shall continue for the period of six months after the expiration of the term for which ter the expiration of the term for which the premises were demised."

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The Illinois Supreme Court, however, acting on the principle that an innocent purchaser is entitled to protection as well as the landlord, has interpreted this law (viewing it in the light of several decisions) as not effective if the landlord has failed to give the grain dealer notice of his claim.

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Unless the dealer is a bona fide pur-chaser without notice of a prior claim on

behalf of the landlord, or unless the landlord has waived his lien by consenting to the sale of the grain by the tenant, or un-less the landlord has not enforced his lien within the time fixed by the statute, namely, within six months after the expiration of the term for which the premises were leased, the dealer becomes liable to the landlord for the value of the grain purchased from the tenant to the extent of the amount remaining due for rent.

## Letters From Dealers

EXPERIENCE WITH GASOLINE ENGINES.

Grain Dealers Journal: We use the Fairbanks-Morse, the Waterous, the Ohio and the Otto engines. None of them give and the Otto engines. None of them give us any trouble whatever, except where we have a man that will get after them with a cold chisel or monkey wrench, the same as he would a cast-iron plow. Then one of us has to go out and use a little emery paper and at times our prayers to

get them right again.

We find that if we get the engine and get it put up right, that in every case it gives good satisfaction, with the above exception.—The A. Kelly Milling Co.,

Ltd., Brandon, Man.

## NEGLIGENCE IN REPORTING

Grain Dealers Journal: A bit of negligence on the part of shippers which at times produces no little confusion is that of writing, say, that they "inclose the B/L for a car of oats," without mentioning the car number. In a great many instances the B/L either is not inclosed, or else that which accompanies the letter is different from the one which the ship-per had in mind. This may not matter much in the majority of cases, for the cars are usually entered in regular order on the receiver's books as their numbers are obtained, but it is apt to lead to trouble when particular directions are given about the disposition of cars, as for instance, applying them on sales made "to arrive." The latter is a subject of constant misunderstanding between commission merchant and some one or another of his shippers, each in turn, and it is difficult to convince shippers that their instructions have not been perfectly clear; but if a careful investigation is made it will be found in seven or eight cases out of ten that the difference arose from some such simple oversight as that mentioned.-M. & R. Co.

#### OWNER'S RISK OF LEAKAGE?

Grain Dealers Journal: I have just finished the perusal of an account given by the Journal, on page 293 of its March 10th isue, of a suit brought by the Lake Preston, S. D., Mlg. Co. vs. the Milwaukee road, and while I think of it I want to ask for one or two facts further in respect to this case. in respect to this case.
You state that there was a loss, either

you state that there was a loss, either by leakage or stealing, of over ten tons, and inform us that the R. R. Co. was called upon to make good this "shrinkage," but you omit to specify on just which of these grounds a verdict was

rendered in favor of the plaintiff. Reference is made to the fact that at about the of thieving was reported a good deal of thieving was reported in the R. R. yards, and the presumption is that the flax was stolen, but it is important to know the character of the evidence brot in court on that particular point.

If the verdict was based on probable "leakage" as a result of the car being "out of order," it is a matter of some moment. My understanding is that all bulk flax is billed O. R. L., or "owner's risk of leakage," unless the shipper is willing to pay a per cent higher rate and that to pay a 20 per cent higher rate, and that no recovery can be had on loss due to leakage under the ordinary billing. In case the Mpls. court ruled differently, it may establish a valuable precedent.

In following the fight made against the Uniform B/L, one of the sections of which provided for a 20 per cent penalty, unless the shipper waived his rights to collect for loss, I have wondered that this feature of ordinary B's/L covering bulk seed has not been brot into prominence. If I am correct in my statement, as I feel very sure I am, this is a matter worthy of some consideration.—F Nelson.

#### AUTHORITY TO FIX FREIGHT RATES.

Grain Dealers Journal: With reference to the Journal's statement that "if the fixing of railway rates is a legislative function which Congress cannot delegate function which Congress cannot delegate to a commission under the constitution, then the constitution will have to be amended," I desire to say: The making of rates by governmental authority is a legislative and not a judicial function; and the decisions of the State and Federol Courts are uniform in declaring that statutes creating R R Commissions and statutes creating R. R. Commissions, and giving them the power to make or revise rates, are not unconstitutional as delegating a legislative power which belongs only to the legislature itself. Not long ago the Interstate Commerce Commis-sion prepared a list of cases under which such decisions have been made, of which the following are a few:

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8 Am, and Eng. Ency. of Law, 911;
Chicago & N. W. R. Co. v. Dey, 4 Ry. & Corp. L. J., 465; 35 Fed. Rep., 866; 2
Inters. Com. Rep., 325; 1 L. R. A., 744.
Granger Cases, 94 U. S., 113-187; 24 L. ed., 77-97. State ex rel. Railroad & Warehouse Commission v. Chicago, M. & St. P. R. Co., 38 Minn., 281; 37 N. W., 782. State ex rel. Board of Transportation v. Fremont, E. & M. Valley R. Co., 22 Neb., 313; 35 N. W., 118; 23 Neb., 117; 36 N. W., 308. Tilley v. Savannah, F. & W. R. Co., 5 Fed. Rep., 641. Georgia R. Co. v. Smith, 70 Ga., 694. New York & N. E. R. Co. v. Bristol, 151
U. S., 556; 38 L. ed., 269. Reagan v. Farmers' Loan & T. Co., 154 U. S., 362; 38 L. ed., 1014; 4 Inters. Com. Rep., 560, and cases quoted. Ames v. Union P. R. Co., 64 Fed. Rep., 165; 4 Inters. Com. Rep., 835. Interstate Commerce Commission v. Cincinnati, N. O. & T. P. R. Co., 167 U. S., 479; 42 L. ed., 243. Texas & P. R. Co. v. Interstate Commerce Commission, 162 U. S., 197; 40 L. ed., 940. Smyth v. Ames, 169 U. S., 466; 42 L. ed., 819.—G. A. M.

For Lawsonitis-Teaspoonful of soothing syrup mixed with bromide, every three hours. Get out in the open air as much as possible; take long walks, frenzied reading or conversation.-Puck.

#### Reminiscences of Chicago's Grain Trade.

One of the pioneers in Chicago's grain trade is Capt. I. P. Rumsey, who has just gone South for a rest. Recently while in a reminiscent mood he told of some of the charges which lad tall a significant transfer. in a reminiscent mood he told of some of the changes which had taken place in the city's grain trade since he entered the employ of a Chicago grain firm in 1858, six years after the organization of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Before that time considerable grain was received via the Illinois and Michigan Canal from the south and by farmers' wagons. Some farmers hauled the grain to market a distance of the organization of the control of t

the grain to market a distance of 40 or 50 miles and unloaded direct from wagon to warehouses on So. Water-st. The Board of Trade occupied two small rooms at the S. W. corner of So. Water and La Salle-sts., on the 2nd floor. The attendance at the sessions was small, and

attendance at the sessions was small, and as an incentive for the members to attend a barrel of Gills XXX Ale, crackers and cheese was furnished for refreshment.

No grain was received except in the manner above stated until 1852, when the Galena & Chicago R. R. reached Elgin. Within two or three years, however, the receipts by rail were largely increased by the extension of the Galena & Chicago Union R. R., the C. B. & Q., and the I. C. R. R., and elevators were built at all the railroad terminals to facilitate the unloading of cars and provide storage for the grain, which was now being brought in in bulk, instead of bags.

The first grain inspection department

in in bulk, instead of bags.

The first grain inspection department was established and under the control of the Board of Trade. The bulk grain went into the elevators, receipts being issued for same according to grade. These receipts were sold on change by the receiver, mostly to shippers by lake. As the railroads were extended the country developed rapidly, and the grain receipts increased enormously. The membership of the Board increased rapidly with the business and soon outgrew the small twobusiness and soon outgrew the small tworoom quarters, and a store was rented on Dearborn-st., between Lake and South Water-sts. In a short time this became too small, and in '59 or '60 another move was made to the second story of the Newhouse Building on South Water-st., near Wells. The occupation of the spacious quarters in the Newhouse Bldg. was hailed by the grain men of that day as even a greater event than the occupation of the present quarters in 1885. Some of the prominent firms in the trade of the city at that time were Dole, Rumsey & Co., Flint & Wheeler, Underwood & Co., Charles Dole & Co., Hiram Wheeler & Co., Geo. Armour & Co., and Munn & Scott. Munn & Scott.

The rate of storage for grain at that time was 2 cents for the first 10 days and 34 cent each additional 10 days or parts thereof. Commission for handling on all grain excepting barley was I cent; on barley 2 cents per bushel. These rates were in force until after the great fire in were in force until after the great fire in 1871. In that year, on account of a bad stumptail crop of wheat, the elevators put their storage rates up to ½ cent for every five days, in order to force the wheat out of store and clear their elevators for the new good crop. The elevator men, finding that they had a monopoly, would not put the rate back to its former figure, in spite of the vigorous protests of the receivers. Consequently the receivers went to the legislature and had a reasonable rate of storage passed.

This done, the elevator men appointed a committee and called upon the Directors of the Board of Trade, asking them to reduce the rate to its former figure. claiming the rate was too low as established by the state legislature and threatening to retaliate by closing their elevators. Some of the receivers submitted to the coercions of the elevator men, while others refused to do so and handled their grain from tracks until the railroads adopted bills of lading forcing the grain to the elevators.

The same legislature which passed the

law establishing the rate of storage for grain also was the cause of cursing Chicago with a political inspection department. The elevator interests, in order to



Capt. I. P. Rumsey, Chicago.

thwart the action of the receivers, framed thwart the action of the receivers, framed a bill to take the inspection away from the Board of Trade and place it under the control of the state, thinking that in trying to defeat this political inspection bill the receivers would lose the one relating to storage. The legislature, however saw fit to pass both bills.

After the Chicago fire, in 1871, the Board of Trade was forced to rent rooms on the west side of the river, and

for a time its members were engaged in hunting cars of grain that were not destroyed and trying to account for those that could not be found. Soon after a hall was rented in a hastily erected building on Market and Madison-sts., on the South Side. At this time the matter of putting up a building of its own was seriously considered by the members, but D. A. Jones, Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce, of whom the Board had leased the quarters destroyed, claimed that the lease compelled the Chamber to rebuild and also compelled the Board to for a time its members were engaged in that the lease compelled the Charmer to rebuild and also compelled the Board to occupy same. Accordingly when the Chamber of Commerce was erected at the corner of La Salle & Washingtonsts., the Board took up its quarters there. In 1885 the Board purchased the ground on Jackson-st., at the head of La Salle and erected the building which it has occupied ever since. occupied ever since.

One of the most exciting corners that One of the most exciting corners that have occurred in the history of Chicago's grain trade was engineered in 1872, when J. B. Lyon & Co., with the help of Munn & Scott, elevator men, ran wheat up to \$1.90. When the bubble burst the price dropped 40 cents in one day, and continued to decline when it was found that Munn & Scott had floared over hims. that Munn & Scott had floored over bins

and scattered wheat on top to represent full bins. Receipts to raise money to put up margins were issued on the grain supposed to be in these bins.

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In the early days of the trade most of the flour of the West was handled by the grain men and dressed hogs were also dealt in by the commission houses. The traders would gather at the Sherman House in the evening to sell flour, and work until 10 o'clock at night in the cold depots during Dec. and Jan. tallying the weights of trainloads of hogs as they were unloaded.

were unloaded. During all this period of a half century Capt. Rumsey has been continuously engaged in the grain business at Chicago, with the exception of the four years from with the exception of the four years from the spring of 1861, when he helped to or-ganize Taylor's Battery, until at the close of the Civil War he was mustered out of the Grand Army which he had nobly served, and re-engaged in commercial

pursuits.

#### Exports.

Buckwheat exports for the 7 months prior to Feb. 1 amounted to 218,651 bus.; compared with 30,471 bus, for the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Broom corn exports for the 8 months prior to Feb. 1 were valued at \$143,170; compared with exports valued at \$152,-893 for the same months of 1903-4.

Glucose exports during the 7 months

Glucose exports during the 7 months prior to Feb. I amounted to 101,272,332 pounds; compared with 93,889,187 pounds for the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Hay exports for the 7 months prior to Feb. 1 were 35,405 tons; compared with 33,109 tons for the corresponding period

of 1903-4.

Oil cake and oil-cake meal exports during the 8 months prior to Feb. 1 amounted 11,212,515 pounds of corn oil cake and oil-cake meal and 400,709,559 pounds of linseed oil cake and oil-cake meal; compared with 7,026,018 pounds of corn oil cake and oil-cake meal and 426,173,918 pounds of linseed oil cake and oil-cake meal, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

## Exports of Breadstuffs.

During the 8 months prior to March I our exports of breadstuffs amounted to 4,196,022 bus. of wheat, 51,021,031 bus. of corn, 7,523,499 bus. of barley, 945,147 bus. of oats and 1,348 bus. of rye; compared with 40,713,275 bus. of wheat, 41,501,587 bus. of corn, 8,754,731 bus. of barley, 673,-82 bus. of care and 752,408 bus. of rye 483 bus, of oats and 753,408 bus, of rye for the corresponding months of 1903-4. The value of the breadstuffs exported was \$63,067,540; compared with \$114,927,618 for the same period of last season.

o27,618 for the same period of last season. February exports of corn were 14,190,-124 bus.; compared with 6,827,304 bus. for Feb., 1904, an increase of 7,362,820 bus. over last year. Wheat and wheat flour exports for Feb. were 122,157 bus. of wheat and 550,-678 barrels of flour; compared with 1,464,-522 bus. of wheat and 1,399,441 barrels of flour for Feb. of last year, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

To have exported only 122,000 bus., half a single cargo, during an entire month, shows America's export wheat trade to be at its very lowest ebb. During one week recently it is said not a single bu. of wheat left America.

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#### Plan of a 35.000 Bushel Elevator.

Many of the railroad companies are now refusing to grant sites for grain elevators on their rights of way unless the grantee will agree to erect an elevator of 25,000 to 50,000 bushels capacity. The urgent demands made on the rolling stock of many of the railroads at times greatly exceeds the supply, and naturally they desire to provide for as much relief as possible. Illustrated herewith is a plan of a 35,000 bushel elevator of late design which has recently been erected at Sherwood, West Hope and Munich, S. D., for the Cargill Elevator Co., of Minneapolis, by L. O. Hickok.

This house has a heavy foundation and is well supported. All of its 15 bins have hopper bottoms. It is designed with the idea of attaining the greatest convenience Many of the railroad companies are

idea of attaining the greatest convenience in handling grain and reducing the amount of labor required in its operation.

The driveway thru the house is pro-The driveway thru the house is provided with a wagon dump and a six-ton dump scale. The one elevator leg is equipped with 6 x 12 buckets and sets in an iron boot tank of 3-16 inch steel 20 x 7 feet at the top and 7 feet deep.

A distributing spout under the elevator head facilitates the spouting of grain direct to any of the bins, or direct to cars, by means of a 7-inch steel load-

to cars, by means of a 7-inch steel loading spout of 3-16-inch steel. This spout is set at an angle of about 50 degrees and will load the largest cars without

shoveling. The shipping bins are hoppered so as to spout direct to cars. On the first or working floor of the house is

the first or working floor of the house is a 60-bushel hopper scale.

The engine room is 10 feet from the elevator, being 24 x 12 feet, papered inside and out, thus making a very warm room. It is covered inside and out with sheet steel. The outside walls and roof are covered with No. 27 galvanized iron. It contains an 8 h. p. Fairbanks Morse engine. Twenty feet from the engine room is a store house for 100 gallons of gasoline. The rise of the approach driveway is 1 inch in 12, while of the exit it is 2 inches in 12. is 2 inches in 12.

The Government crop report to be issued Apr. 10 will give the condition of winter wheat and winter rye in per cent, with a particular account of how wheat has been affected by snow, weather and

Chicago is afraid of Oregon wheat. Chicago is alraid of Oregon wheat. Illinois has a warehouse commission appointed by the Governor. This gives Chicago a political inspection. They have allowed Russian red or Oregon wheat to be called two red in East St. Louis, a southern part of the state. What applies to one part of the state should naturally apply to the other, Chicago. It was feared the warehouse commission would so decide. Chicago Board justly protested. Commission will decide shortly. Chicago Board should get its inspection out of politics.—C. A. King & Co.

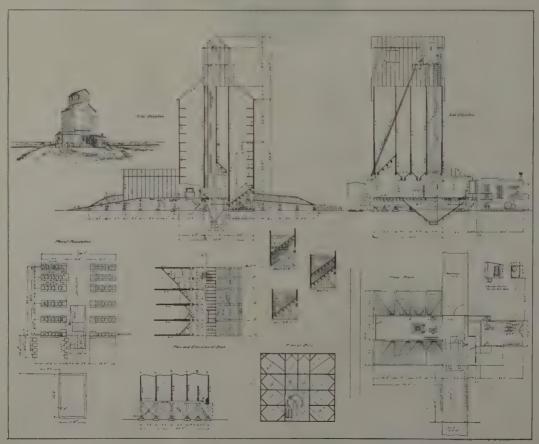
## "Nature Wuz Again Him"

BY IDLER.

"Yes," said the passenger in the front end of the smoker, as he watched the train-vendor furtively wipe an apple on his sleeve, "it is difficult even now, despite the many improvements made in elespite the many improvements made in elevators during the last few years, to find one that in actual performance accomplishes what shud be expected of it with our present knowledge of the conditions of grain storage and handling. The construction of each house is coming more and more to be a problem in engineering, often not less intricate and needful of minute study than the vast works with which man overcomes great obstacles set which man overcomes great obstacles set

which man overcomes great obstacles set by Nature to his progress.

"None of us feels satisfied with the work he is doing along this line, and each firm of elevator-builders is constantly striving to forge ahead of the others—to show, for instance, small economies in operation, the merest fractions of a cent per bushel, which make it possible to ef-fect a large saving in the course of the year; to minimize the danger from over-loading by ingenious reductions in the year; to minimize the danger from over-loading by ingenious reductions in the force of the pressure; or perhaps to ex-pedite the emptying of a car by a minute and some seconds. As each problem is met and grappled with, another stands ready to take its place, so that we are always on the alert. It is interesting. very, and stimulates a man to do his best. Grain dealers do not, and I suppose never



Plan of 35,000-bu. Elevator Erected at Sherwood, S. D., for Cargill Eltr. Co.

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will, appreciate what it means to them;

but I tell you the time is coming when—"
It never transpired what the coming but I tell you the time is coming when—'
It never transpired what the coming
time had in store; for, as the speaker
paused to relight his cigar, a voice from
across the aisle drawled: "Say, stranger,
'scuse me from driftin' into th' remarks,
but mebbe you'd like to hear tell uv
'Lonzo Stubbs, back in th' Buckeye State,
whar I wuz raised. Lon wuz one uv them
fellers th't didn't have no trouble 'overcoming Nature,' til it come ter payin' her
last debt, 'nd th' things he cudn't do
wa'n't wuth mentionin'. But say, speakin'
uv elevat'rs puts me 'n mind uv th' time
he did get 's comeupance.

"Lon wuz th' champeen barn builder
uv five counties, and when it come to
elevat'rs, he wuz right on deck. He'd
slap 'em together a'most while yuh cud
say 'Jack Robinson', 'nd do it fer a
quarter what them Buf'lo fellers charged,
'nd th' most on 'em stuck. He might uv
his huildin' um set or leacthouse til he

quarter what them Buf'lo fellers charged, 'nd th' most on 'em stuck. He might uv bin buildin' um yet, or leastways til he died, 'f it hadn't bin fer a mean trick old Ma Nature played 'im.

"Yuh see, Andy Carmichael 'nd Jim Nielsen—both on 'em close-fisted sons-ofguns, war competin' buyers at Tyre 'nd Tiber, towns located a few miles apart, 'nd they both had elevat'rs put up by Lon 'bout th' end uv one July. Lon says they beat 'im down so low th't thar wa'n't no profit in th' work, and th't mebbe he did scamp it some, but anyhow, th' houses looked all right when they wuz done, 'nd Carmichael specially wuz mighty tickled 't savin' so much money over what them 't savin' so much money over what them Buf'lo contracters' bids wuz. He wrote 'm a letter quoting some Script'r yarn 'bout robbers 'nd Jebusites.

"'Twar a big crop seas'n 'nd grain come in fast. Carmichael got 's elevat'r 's full 's he thot safe, but Nielsen kept right on huvin' so Carmichael started in

right on buyin', so Carmichael started in again, 'nd they both got ther houses filled clean up uz far's thar war any sense 'tall in goin'. I've seen lots o' clevat'rs since then, tho, th't uv bin carryin' uz much overload 'nd have stood the strain; but

overload 'nd have stood the strain; but they wa'n't put up by barn-builders. "Howsomever, 'twar Nature th't laid out Lon; for, a couple uv days after buyin' stopped 't both towns, 'long come buyin stopped t both towns, long coince th' wust wind-storm ever seen in that county since old Noah Perkins cud recollect, 'nd kersmash went them two elevat'rs flat 's a crushed berry box, 'nd the grain wuz scattered 'nd soaked wuth rain til

wuz scattered 'nd soaked wuth rain til
thar wa'n't but precious little salvage.
"Waal, Lon tried to lay th' blame all
on Carmichael, fer overloadin' when th'
house 't Tyre went down, but arter th'
news come from Tiber th't Nielsen's
elevat'r wuz on th' ground, too, he lit out
fer parts unknown he cum't stand th'

elevat'r wuz on th' ground, too, he lit out fer parts unknown; he cudn't stand th' chafin' on top uv threats of law-suits. Arterwards he come back, but he didn't never build no more elevat'rs. Yuh see, Nature wuz again 'im."

"I see," said the elevator designer, as his talk indicated him to be. "I've noticed a few other places around the country where Nature appeared to have it in for barn-builders." And he turned once more to his seat-mate to take up the broken thread of conversation; while the man across the aisle chuckled softly to himself.

People who bet the big bucketshop that they could tell which way wheat was going to move are now out earning money again. The bucketshop has this advan-tage: If it guesses wrong, it can fail. So you drop your wad either way.—Minneabolis Journal

#### Will Build Grain Elevators.

James Stewart & Co., who have attained considerable international publicity by the successful manner in which they have handled large contracts abroad as



W. R. Sinks, Chicago.

well as at home, have recently established a grain elevator department in Chi-cago and placed it in charge of W. R. Sinks, who will act as manager and R. H. Folwell, who will serve as engineer: Mr. Sinks, whose portrait is given herewith,



R. H. Folwell, Chicago.

has been closely identified with this line of work for the past 20 years, having served as general superintendent of the Barnett & Record Co., and obtained wide exeperience in building flour mills and grain elevators of different materials.

Mr. Folwell was born in Minneapolis 34 years ago, and after graduating from

the public schools, obtained a B. S. degree from the University of Minnesota, and later an M. S. at Cornell University, From school he went with the Detroit Bridge Works as draughtsman, where he Bridge Works as draughtsman, where he had three years' experience in steel bridge construction. The following year, as asst. engineer of the Great Northern Ry., he was placed in charge of the steel work of the 2,500,000 bushel elevator at Buffalo. Later he was advanced to the position of elevator engineer for the Great Northern Ry., was given complete charge of this work and of the construction of the 3,000,000 bushel steel elevator at Superior, Wis. During the following three years he was in charge of the draughting department and acted as

the draughting department and acted as treasurer of the Barnett & Record Co.

Stewart & Co. are indeed fortunate in obtaining men of such wide exeperience to take charge of their new department.

#### Echoes of the Russian Wheat Hearing.

An analysis of red Russian winter wheat from the Pacific Coast, which Warehouse Commissioner French had made for his own information, gave the western grain a gluten strength which it does not actually possess. When examined by those present at the recent Chicago hearing the Commissioners' sample, while the true Portland standard, was found to contain fife wheat, a very strong wheat, which gave the red Russian a value it does not possess. Will the Commissioners give the red Russian a grade it is not entitled to on such false evidence?

Judd of St. Louis is a very energetic speaker, but one man against 40 shud not be enuf to induce the Illinois Railroad & Warehouse Commissioners to grade Pacific Coast wheat with Illinois red winter as desired by the gentleman who is interested in grain eltrs. at East St. Louis.

The fact that a 3,000-barrel mill at St. Louis is getting good out of the red Russian because it has an opportunity to mix with hard Kansas wheat, is no reason that the red Russian shud be forced on millers east and north who can only mix it with native wheat.

It may be news to some in the trade, but it is a fact that in order to maintain the standard quality of the grade the grain committee of the Board of Trade and the Illinois Grain Inspection Department last summer agreed to eliminate the hard varieties of soft winter wheat from

the regular grade of soft winter.

The verdict of the market is that red Russian is not as good as regular No. 2 red winter. The discount on red Russian since it first began to be offered in Octo-ber has increased from 2 cents to 8 cents.

An elaborate investigation of insects affecting grains, grasses, and other field crops has been begun, and a special field agent of wide experience and reputation has been put in charge, with assistants and means for the best work. A further investigation will be immediately undertaken of the Hessian fly, the chinch bug, and the cutworms and wireworms and other insects affecting wheat, corn, clover, alfalfa, and similar crops. The damage by insects in this field is greater than in any other on account of the enormous areas under cultivation and the money value of the product.—James Wilson, Secy. Dept. of Agri.

## Seeds,

The Carey Seed Co., of Dayton, O., is said to be financially embarrassed.

The L. D. McMillan Seed Co., of Atlanta, Ga., has opened a new seed house.

Mace & Mansfield, seed dealers of Greenville, O., recently suffered loss by

Western trunk lines are making special low rates on seed grain, the property of settlers, effective until May 15.

Read the decision of the Nebraska Supreme Court on seed grower's contract in Supreme Court Decisions, elsewhere in this number.

The condition of clover in Kentucky Mar. I is reported by Hubert Vreeland, commissioner of agri., to have been 80 per cent of an average.

An equipment to handle large quantities of clover seed will be installed in the grain elevator being built at Cambridge City, Ind., by the E. A. Grubbs Grain Co.

The yield of alfalfa seed depends largely on the amount of rain. In a wet season little seed is produced. The second crop of alfalfa is the one usually cut for seed.

John T. Stinson is pres., Henry Scholten vice-pres., and F. W. Maas secy., of the Planters Seed Co., which has engaged in the wholesale and retail business at Springfield, Mo.

The U. S. Dept. of Agri. is said to have issued a warning to buyers of alsike clover seed grown in Canada, against Canada thistle. Samples of the Canadian seed have been found to contain this noxious weed.

Philippine imports of flaxseed and timothy seed for the 9 mouths prior to Oct. I, 1904, amounted to 550 pounds, compared with 1,410 pounds for the corresponding period of 1903, as reported by the War Department.

W. J. Black, deputy minister of agriculture for Manitoba, recently said that the time is undoubtedly coming, and that in all probability within 10 years, when clover growing will revolutionize the system of agriculture in Manitoba.

One branch only of the congressional free seed distribution involves the securing of more than 25 carloads of special seed, and the testing, packeting and mailing of this large quantity to all parts of the U. S.—James Wilson, Secy. Dept. of Agri.

Bernard Merry has been placed in jail by the postal authorities at Sioux City, Ia., for attempting to defraud a seed firm for whom he was soliciting orders, by sending in fictitious orders, expecting the seed company to send him the commission before they could ascertain their genuineness.

genuineness.

Clover seed receipts at Toledo for the week ending Mar. 18 were 2,225 bags; compared with 5,255 bags for the corresponding week of last year. Receipts for the season have been 74.845 bags, compared with 110,511 bags for last season. Shipments for the week ending Mar. 18 were 8,515 bags, compared with 4,570 bags for the corresponding week of last year. Shipments for the season have been 58,239 bags, compared with 85,510 bags for last season.

The Minnesota Seed Co. has been organized at New Ulm, Minn., with \$50,000 capital, to handle seed corn and finally branch into the garden seed industry. Fred Meier, the well-known seed dealer of Sleepy Eye, Minn., is manager of the new company. Mr. Meier will continue to operate his seed farm, and will grow much seed under contract with farmers. The new company will build a 3-story brick building at New Ulm, also a shipping station. The officers are: Dr. J. L. Schoch, pres.; F. Crone, vice pres.; Mr. Meyer, secy. and mgr.; Jacob Klossman, Jr., treas.

English red clovers are still coming out freely from all parts, but as the trade has steadily acted cautiously in general, there is no overstocking, and steady prices may be anticipated for the rest of the season. Values are extremely reasonable, all things considered, and with not glut of foreign on this market there should be no cause for uneasiness. Continental reds are not so firm in price, but this need not cause the United Kingdom any uneasiness, as their parity is still far above our ideas, and buyers now insist on prompt and immediate delivery. The same applies to American and Canadian reds, and is further emphasized by the total absence of consignments to this country.—London Corn Circular, Mar. 6.

The Toledo clover seed market has exhibited great strength, the March option advancing steadily with no reactions, from \$7.35 on Feb. 17 to \$7.90, which was reached on several days during the past week. On Mar. 16 a single trade of 1,000 bags was made at this price. Bulls who have been holding a long time let go great quantities at the small profit, and the heavy longs were willing that the advance should be checked for the time being. The advance in options has been well supported by the good demand for the poorer grades. If the new buyers are able to bail out the profit-takers around \$7.90, the March option should have easy sledding for higher prices. Buyers are paying some attention to the April option.

The high prices of red clover keep the buyers back up to the last moment; besides France and England had more seed than it was thought at first, which is the reason why prices have fallen by several marks the cwt. The requirements in the spring will be extraordinarily large. White clover is a good crop in all countries, therefore very low prices and fine qualities which could very well be used for speculations at present. We had a medium crop of alfalfa, but, on the other hand, an enormous demand, and in consequence stocks are much reduced. The market is firm and inclined for going up. There is still to cover a very large want. We repeat our last year's warning against mixtures of alfalfa with Chilian or woolalfalfa and trefoil.—R. Liefmann Sons Successors, Hamburg, Germany.

Clover seed has been strong all week. The long expected demand put in an appearance. All the dealers here report that they are getting more orders than they can conveniently take care of. The demand for spot seed has been excellent, and not enough offered to supply it. It caused the price of the poorer grades to advance sharply, and in consequence a good many lots that were limited above the market were taken. We ourselves hold the smallest stock held for country account for a good many years. It is practically down to nothing, while our advices show very little seed on the way.

Of course these prices will probably start more seed from the country or from those people who have been holding at home waiting for higher prices. If the demand continues as sharp and receipts fail off it will make it hard to supply wants. A good many country dealers who shipped their seed to Toledo all season are beginning to wire for prices and will have to ship in to supply their trade. This demand seems to be coming from all directions, and large dealers in other markets say that their stocks are practically exhausted and they will need several thousands of bags from the Toledo market. It looks as if the March contracts were being pretty well evened up. A notable feature of the market this week was the good demand for April; that future a week ago selling 30 cents under March, but the demand caused the difference to narrow to 20 cents.—J. F. Zahm & Co.

#### TOLEDO SEED LETTER.

Business in clover seed is booming. This condition of the market has been prevailing now for over three weeks. There is no reason for any holder of seed to complain. The price of the prime article has moved upward in a very substantial way to \$7.90, and there is where the market seems to have taken a firm stand. The volume of business for the past three weeks, the total shipments out, equals that of the previous eleven weeks.

James Hodge, of the United Grain Co.: Shipments are far in excess of the receipts. The high prices are against dealers carrying over much seed, but there is a good long time ahead to dispose of the present stocks. The prospects are that we will have as high prices next month as we have had on this crop.

Fred Mayer takes the following view of the situation: We will not see \$9 seed this season, at least I am not looking for it. Seed may stay close to \$8, but I am not expecting it to go much above that mark. There is considerable seed, which I believe has been held back at country points, and this must be dumped on the market during the next few weeks. A holder of seed would be a fool to keep his seed beyond the end of the season and over the summer, when Oct. is now quoted at \$5.90. The demand for spot seed is excellent. So strong has the demand been that the prices of poorer grades have advanced sharply. While I am not looking for \$9 seed, I will say this—that if the demand continues as sharp and receipts continue to fall off, it will make it hard to supply wants. With considerable seed to come from country points, it is quite probable that the demand will be met.

"If the demand for seed this season becomes as strong as it was last year, when I14,000 bags were sold, the Toledo houses will never be able to meet it," said Mr. Kuehn. "Our receipts on this market up to the end of last week total 75,000 bags, our shipments 58,000 bags, leaving in round numbers 17,000 bags of this season's seed, which, if added to the surplus of 8,000 bags which was carried over last year, gives us a surplus the first of the week of 25,000 bags. I estimate that our receipts for the next five weeks, to May I, which will mark the end of the season's business, will be about 5,000 bags, which gives us a surplus stock of only 30,000 bags with which the demand for the remainder of the season must be

met. On the other hand, as to the demand for the next five weeks, I estimate that it will average at least 6,000 bags per week, or a total of 30,000 bags to May I. So from these figures, when May arrives we will be found in the throes of house-cleaning time. From these figures our receipts for the season will be 88,000 bags, which will be entirely liquidated by a demand equal to the same number of

"Now supposing, and that is our right, that the demand before the end of the season becomes equal to that of a year season becomes equal to that of a year ago, when 114,000 bags were shipped, then we shall want an additional surplus of 26,000 bags. And where will we be able to get it? This augurs strongly for much higher prices, should such a demand become evident, and we have a right to suppose that it will become so. And I am inclined to believe seed will go much higher than the high-water go much higher than the high-water mark of Jan. 4, when \$8.10 was reached."—H. D.

### Canadian Pure Seed Law.

The Dominion government has been at work during the past winter on an act for the prevention and punishment of adulteration of seeds. The seed bill has been considered by the committee of the whole at Ottawa, seed dealers have suggested amendments, and the bill has had its third reading in the house of com-mons. The act is practically as follows, subject, however, to amendments in the

Clauses 1 and 2 provide that the Act shall be known as the Seed Control Act, 1905, and come into force September 1st, 1905.

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3. No person shall sell, or offer, expose or have in his possession for sale, for the purpose of seeding, any seeds of cereals, grasses, clover or forage plants, unless they are free from any seeds of the following weeds: Wild mustard or charlock (Brassica sinapistrum, Boiss), tumbling mustard (Sisymbrium sinapistrum, Crantz), hare's-ear mustard (Coringla orientalls, Dumort), ball mustard (Neslia panticulata, Lu Desv.), field pennycress or stinkweed (Thiaspi arvense, L.), wild oats (Avena tatua, L., and Avena strigosa, Schreb.), bindweed (Convolvus arvensis, L.), perennial sow-thistie (Sonchus arvensis, L.), ragweed (Ambrosia artemisiaefolia, L.), great ragweed (Ambrosia trifida, L.), great ragweed (Ambrosia trifida, L.), purple cockle (Lychnis Githago, Lam.), cow cockle (Vaccaria vaccaria, L., Britton), orange hawkweed or paint brush (Hieracium praealtum, Vill.), ergot of rye (Claviceps purpurea, Tul.), unless each and every receptacle, package, sack or bag containing such seeds, or a label securely attached thereto, is marked in a plain and indelible manner:

(a) With the full name and address of ner:

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(b) With the name of the kind or kinds

(c) With the common name or names of the aforenamed weeds, the seeds of which are present in the seed.

(2). The provisions contained in this section shall not apply to the sale of seed that is grown, sold and delivered by any farmer on his own premises, for seeding by the purchaser himself, unless the purchaser obtains from the seller at the time of sale a certificate that the seed is supplied to him subject to the provisions of this Act.

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this Act.

4. The sale is forbidden of any seeds of timothy, red clover, alsike, or any mixture containing the said seeds, in or from any receptacle, package, sack or bag upon which is marked "No. 1," or any other designation which represents such seeds as of first quality, unless they are free from the seeds of weeds named in section 3 of the Act, and are also free from the seeds of white cockle (Lychnis vespertina, Sibth.), night-flowering catchfly (Silne noctiflora, L.), false flax (Camelina sativa, Crantz), Canada thistle (Cnicus arvensis,

Hoffm.), ox-eye daisy (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum, L.), curled dock (Rumex crispus, L.), blue weed (Echium vulgare, L.), ribgrass (Plantago lanceolata, L.), chicory (Clchorium intybus, L.), and contain out of every one hundred seeds not less than ninety-nine seeds of the kind or kinds represented, or seeds of other useful and harmless grasses and clovers, of which ninety-nine seeds ninety must be germinable

able.

5. The Governor-in-Council may make regulations determining the maximum proportion of seeds of the weeds named in sections 3 and 4 of this Act, that may be tolerated in any seeds without affecting their character as being free from the seeds of said weeds.

seeds of said weeds.

6. No person shall sell, or offer, expose or have in his possession for sale, for the purpose of seeding in Canada, any seeds of timothy, alsike or red clover, or any mixture containing the said seeds, if the seeds of the weeds named in sections 3 and 4 of this Act are present in a greater proportion than five to one thousand of the

7. The provisions contained in this Act shall not apply to—

(a) Any person growing or selling seeds for the purpose of food.

(b) Any person selling seeds direct to merchants to be cleaned or graded before being offered for sale for the purpose of seeding.

(c) Seed that is held in storage for the purpose of being recleaned, and which has not been offered, exposed or held in possession for sale for the purpose of seeding.

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18. Every person who, by himself or through the agency of another person, violates any of the provisions of sections 3, 4 and 6 of this Act shall, for each offense upon summary conviction, be liable to a fine for the first offense not exceeding one dollar, and for each subsequent offense not exceeding five dollars, together with the costs of prosecution, for each receptacle, package, sack or bag in or from which seeds are sold, offered, exposed or had in possession for sale contrary to such provision; provided that the total amount of the fine shall not exceed, in the case of a first offense, five dollars, and in the case of a first offense, five dollars, and in the case of a subsequent offense, twenty-five dollars, and in default of paying such fine and costs, shall be liable to imprisonment, for a term not exceeding one month, unless such fine and the costs of enforcing it, are sooner paid.

(2) Nevertheless, if the accused proves to the magistrate before whom he is tried that the package containing the seed respecting which the complaint or information is laid, was purchased by him directly from a seed merchant domiciled in Canada, and was not opened, or the state of the seed was not altered while it was in his possession, and he had no reason to believe that the seed did not comply with the provisions of this Act, he shall, upon disclosing the name of the person from whom he purchased the seed, and the place and date of the sale thereof, to him, not be liable beyond the costs of prosecution.

9. The person on whose behalf any seed is sold, offered, exposed, or had in pos-

3. The person on whose behalf any seed is sold, offered, exposed, or had in possession for sale, contrary to the provisions of the foregoing sections of this Act, shall be prima facie liable for the violation of this Act.

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10. Any person charged with the enforcement of this Act may enter upon any premises to make any examination of any seeds with respect to which he has reason to believe that any provision of this Act is being violated, and may take any samples of the said seeds, for which samples the owner of the seed shall be paid in accordance with its current value; and any person who obstructs or refuses to permit the making of any such examination, or the taking of any such examination, or the taking of any such examination, or the taking of any such examination, and necessary to the said permit the making of any such examination, and necessary to the said penalty and costs, shall, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, unless the said penalty and costs are sooner paid.

11. Any inspector, informant or complainant who finds, or has good reason to suspect seeds to be sold, or offered, exposed or had in possession, for sale for the purpose of seeding, in violation of the provisions of this Act, shall take a sample

from the said seeds and forward it to such person as the Governor-in-Council appoints as an official seed analyst to examine and report upon any seed submitted for analysis under the provisions of this Act.

13. Any sample of seeds taken from any seed which are found or suspected to be sold in violation of the provisions of this Act, shall be taken and forwarded to an official seed analyst—

(a) From seeds that are sold in sealed packages, at the time of the breaking of the seal thereon; and

(b) From seeds that are not sold in sealed packages, within seven days from the date on which the seed entered into the personal possession and became the property of the purchaser.

14. It shall be the duty of any official seed analyst to examine any seeds sent to him in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and to send one certificate of analysis of the said seeds to the inspector, informant or complainant from whom they were received, and one certificate to the seller of the said seeds, and to place one certificate of the said seeds, and to place one certificate of the said seeds of the inspector, informant or complainant from whom they were received, and one certificate to the seller of the said seeds, and to place one certificate on file in the Department of Agriculture.

15. The certificate of analysis of any official seed analyst on any sample of seeds forwarded to him under this Act shall be accepted as evidence in any prosecution under the Act.

17. The Governor-in-Council may make such regulations as he considers necessary in order to secure the efficient enforcement and operation of this Act; and may by such regulations impose penalties not exceeding fifty dollars on any person offending against them, to be recoverable on summary conviction.

18. Any prosecution against any person under subsection 3 of section 8 of this Act may be commenced within twelve months from the time when the matter of complaint or information arose, and not later.

### Progress in Seed and Plant Introduction.

The work of introducing and establishing new plants from foreign countries has resulted during the year in the introduction of 1,429 selected kinds of seeds and plants. These have been secured thru correspondence and by means of our agricultural explorers, one of whom was sent to the Russian Caucasus in search of new varieties of fruits; one to the West Indies for tropical cassava; a third made an ex-tensive study of the European flax re-gions, and a fourth visited Mexico in

search of southern country apricots.

Such a large number of plants, introduced during previous years, remained to be adjusted to American conditions that the efforts this year, more than last, were concentrated on the domestic side of the problems, and no very extensive explor-

ing trips were undertaken.

A shipment of 157 bushels of berseem was made from the valley of the Nile. Two thousand pounds of the famous pedigreed Hanna barley were secured from its originator in Moravia.

An interesting clover from Uganda was one of the gifts of Mr. Barbour Lathrop. The durum wheat area has been greatly

extended, as already noted.

The Turkestan alfalfa has seeded in several localities, and the securing of American-grown seed of this variety is now a possibility.

The big Pratt Corn Oil Mill at Decatur, Ill., in which about \$200,000 was spent for experiments in the extraction of oil from corn germs, is to be sold. It is not known whether the lack of success is due to a difficulty in puying and selling the materials, or to a failure of the costly machinery to extract the oil properly. The The big Pratt Corn Oil Mill at Decachinery to extract the oil properly. The glucose factories are successful in the extraction and profitable sale of corn oil as a by-product.

# Grain Trade News

### ARKANSAS.

Fayetteville, Ark.—The Fayetteville Milling Co. incorporated, \$30,000 capital stock, to do a regular milling business and deal in cereals, etc. Incorporators, Al Simco, J. M. Williams and J. H. Phipps.

Little Rock, Ark.—L. B. Leigh, it is said, will furnish a case to test the anti-compact insurance law. The National Board of Fire Underwriters at a recent meeting at New York decided to recommend the withdrawal from Arkansas of all fire insurance companies on Mar. 23, the day the new law goes into effect.

### CANADA.

Nanton, Alta.—The Nanton Lumber & Grain Co. has been incorporated.

Boharm, Assa.—The Boharm Eltr. & Trading Co. has been incorporated.

Vancouver, B. C.—I. L. Ray & Co., of Bellingham, Wash., have purchased the business of Downing, Hopkins & Co.

Ottawa, Ont.—Hearing of the Dominion Millers Assn.'s demurrage case against the railroads began Mar. 23.

Winnipeg, Man.—The Dominion government has appointed M. Snow of Wolseley, deputy assistant to Warehouse Commissioner C. C. Castle.

Winnipeg, Man.—Michael Roschko and John Chiz were arrested Mar. 14, charged with stealing grain and lumber from cars in the yards of the C. P. Ry.

Winnipeg, Man.—Rufus Pope, former member for Compton, is one of a syndicate which is experimenting with the manufacture of binder twine from flax straw.

Leighton, Man.—The Leighton Farmers Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$10,000 capital stock. Incorporators, T. J. Freeland, J. C. Barrett, W., Alex., John and James Innes, of Deloraine.

Altona, Man.—Peter Schwartz did not commit suicide, as reported in this column recently. The mistake was made in the transmission of the news of his death over the telegraph wires.

Winnipeg, Man.—C. N. Bell, secy. of the Grain Exchange, returned Mar. 13 from his trip south, much improved in health. A good portion of his vacation was spent in the Bahamas.

Beaverton, Ont.—The mill of Alex Dobson burned Mar. 10 with about 20,000 bus, of wheat. The fire was caused by an over-heated journal of the electric light plant. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$14,000.

Winnipeg, Man.—B. H. Haliday & Co., operating on a loop from the Coe Commission Co., Minneapolis, has ceased operations and closed their doors, having been shut off from quotations when the Minneapolis bucket shop went into the hands of a receiver.

Ninga, Man.—The Ninga Milling Co. incorporated, \$35,000 capital stock. A 100-barrel mill with eltr. connection will be built. The following directors have been elected: Thos. Hill, J. G. Washington,

J. D. Fisher, L. A. Knight, Geo. T. Robinson, S. M. McKinley and W. J. Maloney. J. Kilgour was appointed auditor.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—The Canada Malting Co. is thinking seriously of changing the location of its proposed plant from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, if a site and exemption are given it and jobbers' rates can be secured' A committee has been appointed to look up a site and the council and Board of Trade will take up the matter of rates with the transportation companies. It is expected that the council will grant exemption.

Winnipeg, Man.—An extremely satisfactory showing of the past year's business was made at the third annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange Clearing House Assn., held Mar. IAFrank O. Fowler, manager, reported the total number of bus. of wheat cleared in 13 months as 207,000,000; highest month, February, 1904, 42,840,000 bus.; lowest month, June, 1904, 6,410,000 bus.; average daily clearings, 15,953,000 bus.; average daily clearings, 638,000; highest day's clearings, Feb. 22, 1904, 3,530,000 bus.; lowest day's clearings, Sept. 9, 1904, 30,000 bus. The \$25,000 capital stock of the clearing assn. has been fully subscribed and paid up, and shares have advanced from \$50 par value to \$70 bid. The following directors were elected: W. J. Bettinger, W. H. McWilliams, Capel Tilt, S. P. Clark, A. R. Hargraft, Alexander Cavanagh, W. L. Parrish. J. G. McHugh and Bruce McBean; and the officers for the ensuing year are: Press, W. J. Bettinger; vice-pres, S. P. Clark; secy.-treas, Capel Tilt, F. O. Fowler is again clearing house manager.

### CHICAGO.

Membership in the Board of Trade are selling at \$3,000.

Duluth has been feeling the Chicago market by sending samples of No. 1 northern wheat.

John F. Thacker has filed a petition in the Superior Court asking that John Dickinson & Co. be restrained from collecting \$315 which he lost in speculation on Dickinson's advice.

Edw. J. Schaack, who has been with Irwin, Green & Co., as their representative in the wheat pit for the past 15 years, has gone with Ware & Leland to occupy a similar position with them.

The Chicago River Improvement Assn. has made a protest against the seizure of a part of the turning basin in the north branch of the Chicago River by the International Harvester Co.

The delivery of No. 3 corn on regular contracts made after June I at the penalty of 5 cents per bu, is desired by large handlers of corn, who have started a movement to change the rules of the Board of Trade.

John H. Pank, who has been connected with the malting business of Chicago for the last 23 years, died Mar. 14, aged 52 years. He went to Chicago from Louisville, Ky., and for several years operated a malt house at Harvard, Ill.

Jas. F. Rochford, traveling salesman for Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington, has been found ill in the hospital at Dixon. Members of the firm, fearing that he had been the victim of a hold-up, had just reported the fact of his disappearance when a message was received from Dixon.

Earl H. Prince, who transferred his trades Feb. 15, was given a hearing Mch. 7 on a charge of larceny as bailee, the complainant being John L. Robson, of Keokuk. The charge was that Prince, as bailee of 60 shares of common stock in the U. S. Steel corporation, converted the stock to his own use. Prince denied the charge, claiming that Robson owes thim \$800 more than the value of the stock.

Chief Grain Inspector W. Scott Cowen, of Chicago, visited Springfield Mar. 15 to consult Governor Deneen on the improvement of the grain inspection by obtaining absolute uniformity in the grading in the wide territory covered by the Chicago inspection. The irregularities have existed for years, and on taking office recently Mr. Cowen found that uniformity could not be secured without a change in the system. The change will cost money; but the great necessity for improvement warrants any expense.

Representative Erby, one of Chicago's politicians, is one of the sub-committee appointed by the warehouse committee, to draft a bill to prohibit the sale of grain except when the seller holds a warehouse certificate for grain or the grain itself. Erby is trustee for the estate of Henry B. Smith, who ran away, after having suffered loss in speculation. Erby brot suit against 29 Board of Trade firms to recover, but his suit was thrown out of court. It is not believed that Erby knows enuf about law to draft a bill that the Illinois Supreme Court will hold constitutional.

James S. Templeton says of the state weighmaster bill, senate bill No. 187 that "There is nothing at all in this bill except a barefaced attempt to enlarge political spoils. The Chicago board of trade has the best system of weighing grains of any market in the world. Imitation is the best flattery and most of the leading markets in the country have copied our system. The weights testified to by our inspectors are accepted by the trade everywhere and there is not an instance on record where errors have been claimed in weights that they have not been shown to be the result of accidents occurring after the cars left this market. If this bill is passed we will have a political weighing department, like our political state grain inspection department, where the inspection is a farce. The board has to maintain its own inspection department and buyers as a rule will not accept state certificates. This entails a double

A petition is being circulated asking the directors of the Board of Trade for an amendment of the rules to make No. I and No. 2 Colorado wheat, which is the Illinois Inspection Dept.'s present designation of Pacific Coast red Russian Oregon winter wheat, deliverable on contracts for No. 2 at a penalty of 5 cents per bu. The petition has found numerous signers, but the directors have postponed action. The wording of a such a rule, if adopted, would depend to some extent on the contemplated action or failure to

act, of the Illinois State Railroad & Warehouse Commissioners. A rule of the Board describing "Colorado" wheat Board describing "Colorado" wheat would be useless if the Commissioners de-cide to call the Coast grain the same as red winter. Also, it may become necessary for the Board to protect its purchasers by definitely stating that no wheat containing an admixture of the Pacific wheat shall be tenderable on contract, should the Commissioners decide to grade the Pacific wheat in with the rest of the contract wheat in store. Altho action has been postponed members of the Board of Trade may rest assured that when the time comes to act the directors will do their utmost to protect the trade from attempts by the Illinois Commissioners to debase the standard.

James A. Patten, B. A. Eckhart, James Pettit, Henry S. Robbins and Walter Fitch, who visited Springfield last month to work for regislation desired by the Board of Trade, as stated in this column Mar. 10, have repeated their visits and are conducting a vigorous campaign for the passage of senate bills 174 and 215. Pamphlets giving reasons and the opinions of the press favoring the passage of these bills have been sent to the lawmakers. Senate bill No. 215 is a proposed amendment to sec. 132 of the criminal code, and will provide that a broker is not to be designated as a "winner" and liable to prosecution under the law. Everyone familiar with the trade knows that the broker never is the winner when a customer loses. If a customer buys wheat for future delivery and later sells it out at a loss the winner may later sells it out at a loss the winner may be some farmer who sold the wheat thru another broker. Most speculators lose and the speculator's loss is the farmer's gain. Senate Bill No. 174, proposes to substitute, for the inaccurate definition of a bucket-shop contained in our present bucket-shop statute, the comprehensive definition adopted by Congress in amending the war revenue act so as to tax bucket-shops. The passage of this bill will do away with the injustice now imposed on members of the Board of Trade by the construction our Supreme Court felt obliged to put upon the present statute in the cases of Soby v. People, 134 Ill., 66, and Weare Commission Co. v. People, 209 Ill., 528. In the latter case a country office of a corporation enjoying the privileges of membership of the Board of Trade was adjudged a bucket-shop.

### COLORADO.

Castlerock, Colo.—G. C. Christianson, formerly mgr. for the Western Eltr. Co. at Ellendale, Minn., will engage in the grain and feed grinding business.

### IDAHO.

Coeur d'Alene, Ida.—The warehouse of Wiggett & Empey was damaged by fire

The state of Idaho threw open for public entry Mar. 23 70,000 acres of irrigable lands under the Twin Falls Canals.

### **ILLINOIS**...

Winslow, Ill.—Geo. G. Emrich was married Feb. 28 to Miss Tilly Rockow.

Le Roy, Ill.-The Zorn Grain Co., will build an eltr. at this point.

Kenney, Ill.-John Henderson and H. W. Humphrey, of Kenney, have purchased the eltr. of J. I. Everson. Roy Humphrey, who has been in the office with Mr. Everson, will manage the busi-Mr. Everson will devote his time to his store, stock and land interests.

Sycamore, Ill.—The state university is establishing an experiment station near

Illinois senate bill No. 137 authorizes fire companies to insure against sprinkler leakage.

Read Illinois Statute on landlords' lien in the column "Asked and Answered" this number.

The Illinois legislature is considering a bill to protect the operator of the deadly corn shredder.

Langham, Ill.—The Seneca Grain Lumber & Supply Co., of Seneca, has established a branch.

Varna, Ill.—The Farmers Grain & Coal Co. has increased its capital stock from \$3,000 to \$7,000.

Decatur, Ill.—J. S. Wiley and B. M. Dennis have formed a company and will engage in the grain business.

Bongard, Ill .- The eltr, for John Lowrey, of Fairland, has been completed by the Younglove Construction Co.

Ridott, Ill.—W. Y. Brown, formerly at Dakota, has taken charge of the eltr. at this point for the H. A. Hillmer Co.

Waggoner, Ill.—C. B. Munday & Co. e building an addition to their office, to be used as a wareroom for flour.

Mr. Cherry has introduced a bill in the Illinois legislature regulating the sale of prepared feed for horses and cattle.

Colfax, Ill.-The Farmers Eltr. Co. has purchased, for \$13,000, the 2 eltrs. of the Rogers Grain Co., possession to be

Woodhull, Ill.—F. L. Hough is repairing and partly rebuilding his eltr. the work is being done by the Younglove Construction Co.

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Mahomet, III.—I he farmers are organizing a company to build an eltr. M. O. Stover, J. B. Abbott, Ransom Hurley, and others are interested.

German Valley, III.—The H. A. Hillmer Co. has purchased the grain, coal and seed business of O. J. Reints, who will devote his time to the lumber business.

Weldon, Ill .- Gale & Miller have purchased the eltr. of V. C. Swigart. In this column in the last issue Mr. Gale's name was given incorrectly.

House bill No. 218, introduced by Representative Norden. For an act, to regulate the civil service of the state of Illinois, includes the inspection of grain.

Langley sta., Wyanet P. O., Ill.—The 20,000-bu. eltr. for the Northwestern Eltr Co. has been completed and is now open for business with Melvin Cummings in charge.

Bloomington, Ill.—The eltr. of the Zorn Grain Co. is being torn down to be replaced by a more modern house. The present building was erected in 1869 for a grist mill.

The Illinois Railroad & Warehouse Commission has announced that on Apr. 5 it will hear arguments on the proposed reduction of the maximum freight and passenger rates in Illinois.

Pogue of Moultrie has introduced a bill in the Illinois legislature making it a felony to furnish market quotations for the pretended buying or selling of grain, stocks and provisions. The penalty is I to IO years' imprisonment.

House bill No. 367, introduced by Representative Magill, fixing the liability of railroads for freight consigned for transportation, is a bill that will protect grain shippers from the so-called uniform bill of lading, if it ever becomes operative .-Geo. Beyer.

Mueller's bill repealing the law permitting the writing of "underground" insurance, has been passed. The object of the bill is to prevent insurance agents from placing surplus insurance with foreign companies not authorized to do business in Illinois.

Elmwood, Ill.—W. W. Day has bought out Arnold & Son and is remodeling the eltr. preparatory to handling the new crop. Among other improvements to the plant will be the erection of an engine house and the installation of an 8 h. p. Fairbanks-Morse Gas Engine.

The reciprocal demurrage bill, introduced by Representative McCaskrin is a bill in which every shipper should take interest. The car service rules as adopted by the various railroads of Illinois have been upheld by our courts, and it is only right and just that these rules be made reciprocal. Every grain dealer in Illinois, and in several of the states west of us should make every effort possible to have these three bills passed.—Secy. Beyer.

Tuscola, Ill.-It looks like the six directors of the Tuscola Grain & Coal Co., who signed the company's note a year ago to keep the concern going, will have to pay the note. The note is for \$15,000, but the directors are said to be good for signed it, as their attorney failed to advise them that by so doing they made themselves individually liable.

Peoria, Ill.—We are indebted to R. C. Grier, secy. of the Peoria Board of Trade, Grier, secy. of the Peoria Board of Trade, for a copy of the 35th annual report of the Peoria Board of Trade for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904. The comprehensive statistics in its 63 pages show that Peoria is more than holding its own as one of the leading receiving and shipping markets of the country. Total receipts of grain for the year were 34,386,000 bus, compared with 34,932,000 for 1903.

The grain dealers of Illinois who are interested in having within the borders of their state the world's greatest grain market should write their senators and representatives in the state legislature urging the passage of senate bills No. 174 and 215, to protect the legitimate transactions of the Chicago Board of Trade. These bills are desired by the Board of Trade that its members be not termed "winners" under the gambling law, which they are not, and that bucket-shops may be correctly defined as in the federal war revenue act. Illinois shippers should lend their assistance to prevent the Board of Trade from being driven to other states, leaving Illinois dealers to get their market information from Minneapolis, New York or New Orleans.

Franklin Grove, Ill.—L. J. & R. W. Jeter have leased the eltr., formerly operated by H. O. Leet and will do a general grain business. They are not new to the grain business, L. J. Jeter having been actively engaged in the trade in northern Illinois for the past 18 years. In 1887 with W. T. Boston he started in the grain business at Yorkville and had the entire management of the business. In 1898 he purchased the eltr. at Plano, and, in connection with his son, C. E.

Jeter, organized the firm of Jeter & Jeter. Jan. 1, 1903, he leased the eltr. at Fox. Ill., and at present is operating it under his own name. His second son, R. W. Jeter, the junior member of the new firm at Franklin Grove, has had charge of the Fox eltr. Mr. Jeter is also the senior member of the firm of Jeter & Boston which deals in lumber and coal at Plano. He is also a director of the Yorkville Natn'l Bank.

Secy. Beyer of the state assn. merits the hearty support of every grain ship-per in his effort to defeat Senate Bill 187, introduced by Senator McKenzie (at the request of the Railroad & Warehouse Commission) and in the House by Representative Oglesby, an act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of State Weighmasters." He writes: This is a very obnoxious measure, and should be defeated. We have several thousand grain dealers in Illinois, and none of them have asked for, or wish such a bill to pass, and it will not pass if they object strong enough, and make their objections known to their represent-atives at Springfield. The system of weighing (or rather the lack of system), as conducted by the state at East St. Louis should condemn state weighing in the mind of any fair minded man. neglect writing your representative and senator on the above matters at once, as letters from their constituents will do a great good in matters of this kind

Representative McCaskrin's bill for reciprocal demurrage requires the state railroad commission to fix storage demurrage and car service charges, and to fix the time after the reception of freight at destination at which such charges shall begin. When a shipper makes verbal or written application to a railroad for a car, the company is to furnish it within four days following 7 a. m. the day following. For failure the railroad is to forfeit to the shipper \$1 a day per car except on coal and coke from the mines and ovens. Shipments must be carried forward at a rate of not less than fifty miles per day of twenty-four hours or the railroad forfeit to the shipper \$1 per car per day and 1 per cent per hundred pounds per day on freight in less than carloads. On carload freight originating in Illinois and shipped on local bills of lading to a terminal point within this state there should be allowed ten days of free time before application of storage or demurrage charges.

The Northern Illinois Grain Dealers Assn., at a meeting held Mar. 3, unanimously resolved "that in the opinion of those present each and every member of the association should take steps toward preventing the passage of house bill No. 153, introduced by Representative Oglesby, and also the corresponding senate bill No. 187, introduced by Senator McKenzie, which are intended to constitute 'An act to provide for the appointment of state weighmasters.'" Secy. Hirschy says: If these bills pass, receive the governor's signature and become law the result will not only be to afflict the grain trade with the necessity of paying additional fees to weighers, who will be under the railroad and warehouse commission, with all the political control therein implied, but, as you will note by the section quoted, it will be impossible for the Board of Trade or any other voluntary association to weigh grain. You must realize that in the case of the Chicago Board of Trade and other associations

of like nature, accuracy of weights are essential to their existence, whereas under political control and manipulation, such as has been in the past, there will be more politics than business in this essentially business function.

### INDIANA.

Petersburg, Ind.—S. J. Harris & Co. are building a 4-story eltr., 70x125 ft., which will cost about \$15,000.

Evansville, Ind.—Iglehart Bros. have let the contract for the erection of a 40,000-bu, eltr. and a milling plant.

Logansport, Ind.—Members of the Indiana Grain Dealers Assn. in the central part of the state held a meeting recently at Logansport.

Cambridge City, Ind.—The eltr. to be built by the E. A. Grubbs Grain Co. will be 24x146 ft. and will be equipped to handle large quantities of clover seed.

Waterloo, Ind.—D. L. Leas has let the contract for the erection of his eltr. which is to be completed some time in June. It will be equipped with a gas engine.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Farber's senate bill No. 157 to enable grain eltr. owners and flour mill owners to incorporate under one act, has been passed by a vote of 57 to 15

Berne, Ind.—The Berne Grain & Hay Co. have had their loss adjusted on the fire of Feb. 16, receiving \$1,500, the full amount carried on the warehouse and which fully covers the loss.

The Indianapolis Board of Trade on Mar. 18 adopted resolutions indorsing C. B. Riley, secy. of the Indiana Grain Dealers Assn., as a candidate for secy. of the new state railroad commission.

Montmorenci, Ind.—The Taylor Grain Co. will build an addition to its eltr. with capacity for 35,000 bus. C. A. Fuller will superintend the work which will commence as soon as the weather will permit

Evansville, Ind,—A branch office of a St. Louis bucket-shop has just been opened with a grand flourish. Traders who do not want to be fleeced by these sharks will give this bucket-shop a wide berth, and give the orders and margins to a regular Board of Trade firm.

Director Goss of the Indiana State Experiment Station has made the following generous offer: Farmers who wish to do so may have small lots of corn tested by sending samples to the station. Address Agricultural Experiment Station, La Fayette, Ind. A. T. Wiancko, associate agriculturist.

South Bend, Ind.—Judge Funk of the Circuit Court on Mar. 6 granted a petition filed by John E. Costello of Chicago asking to be appointed a grain inspector. Mr. Costello will appoint assistants who must qualify and take the oath of office before the county clerk. Representations that he will be under the control of the Chicago Board of Trade are false; neither will that organization pay his salary or have anything to do with his work. Mr. Costello's grading will be his own and dealers will have no appeal.

The Central Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co., of Van Wert, O., is the first of the mutual companies to apply for admission into Indiana under the new law enacted by the last legislature permitting the admission of mutual companies having cash assets of \$50,000 and notes of

\$100,000. This is the first evidence of benefit to the grain men of the state but no doubt other mutuals will soon apply and grain dealers can then obtain full lines of mutual insurance in admitted companies

companies.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Governor Hanly has appointed the 3 members of the state railroad commission created by the legislature. The first commissioners are Union B. Hunt of Winchester, C. B. Mc-Adams of Williamsport and W. J. Wood of Evansville. The latter has had experience in traffic matters. Their salaries of \$4,000 a year will begin when the law goes into effect, about May I. The Commission will have a secretary, and C. B. Riley, secretary of the Indiana Grain Dealers Assn., is a candidate for the position, for which he should be heartily inchred by every grain dealer. The grain shippers of the state are among the most important of its shipping interests, are largely responsible for the enactment of the commission law, and no better man could be appointed to the position of secretary as a representative of the grain trade than Mr. Riley.

### IOWA.

Wyman, Ia.—S. Martin & Co. have succeeded W. B. Cartwright.

Industry, Ia.—The Iowa Eltr. Co. intends building an eltr. this spring.

Dows, Ia.—Farmers held a meeting Mar. 22 to start a co-operative eltr. company.

Anderson, Ia.—Thos. W. Hutchinson has purchased the eltr. of F. M. Campbell, of Randolph.

Glenwood, Ia.—The eltr. for Wright & Blair has just been completed by the Younglove Construction Co.

Shellsburg, Ia.—F. S. Miller will build a 15,000-bu. eltr. The Younglove Construction Co. has the contract.

Sheldon, Ia.—The L. J. Button Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$100,000 capital stock. Incorporators, Douglass C. Peck, Fred E. Frisbie and Lewis J. Button.

Webster City, Ia.—Owing to the fact that so many were turned away from the crowded hall in which Professor Holden recently gave his lecture on pure seed corn, the Professor will return and give a second lecture Apr. 12. Burt, Ia.—The Burt Farmers Exchange

Burt, Ia.—The Burt Farmers Exchange Co. has let the contract to the Young-love Construction Co. for the erection of a 25,000-bu. eltr. on the site of their old house which they will have wrecked and the material sold. The house is to be cribbed up by 2x6 and 2x4 and equipped with new machinery thruout. Work is to be commenced May I. W. B. Hanna is mgr.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The Bosch-Ryan Grain Co. contemplates rebuilding its eltr., burned Feb. 8. The company has asked the city council to give it all or part of the 2 streets which bound its site on the east and west, claiming that they were cramped for room before. Cedar Lake lies on the side opposite the railroad, shutting off all opportunity of building in that direction.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The American Cereal Co. has decided to rebuild the plant which burned Mar. 7, but the location is not decided on as yet. It is expected that Coralville will offer the company exemption from taxes for 20 years and opportunity of securing all the land wanted for

the erection of a large plant with ample fire protection and decreased insurance rates. The cereal company already owns property in Coralville.

A special good roads train will be sent thru Iowa by the Chicago & Northwestern Road, starting Apr. 10. Expert advice upon the making of good roads will be given. The train will be out for 18 days and will be in charge of D. Ward King of Maitland, Mo., whom the Iowa State Highway Commission has engaged as one of the instructors in earth roads maintenance for the Good Roads School to be held at Ames, Ia., June 12 to 18.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—The insurance on the grain in the Union Eltr. amounted to \$265,000, more than covering the loss. Much of the grain is being saved, part being sold for feed while a great deal of it will be dried and put on the market again. It is considered probable that the eltr. will be rebuilt. The burned eltr. was built in 1881 by the Union Eltr. Co., composed of the Burlington, Rock Island, Milwaukee, Northwestern, Wabash and Union Pacific Ry. companies, at a cost of \$200,000. About \$30,000 was expended last year in remodeling the interior of the house and new machinery was installed. It is probable that the Trans-Mississippi Grain Co. will build at Omaha or get someone to build for its use.

### KANSAS.

Belpre, Kan.—The Farmers Grain Co. has been organized with \$10,000 capital.

Alton, Kan.—F. W. Gaunt & Co. are building a 25,000-bu, eltr. F. W. Lehrack has the contract.

Atwood, Kan.—The Farmers Grain, Live Stock & Supply Co. incorporated, \$5,000 capital stock.

Oakhill, Kan.—The Kansas Grain Co. will install an eltr. with a self dump. H. B. Gordon is buver.

Sabetha, Kan.—F. A. Derby was severely injured in his eltr. recently but is again at work in his office.

Muscotah, Kan.—L. Cortelyou, who has served the state assn. as President for a number of years, has the sympathy of a host of friends in the trade in the recent loss of his wife.

Topeka, Kan.—Geo. D. Greenough has brot suit against the Taylor Grain Co. and J. R. Mulvane to set aside a deed to his farm, which he gave to defendants in exchange for \$5.000 worth of stock in the Taylor Grain Co. Greenough alleges misrepresentation.

Butler is trying to form another farmers grain shipping assn.; but judging from the poor response he is receiving to his strenuous efforts, the farmers remember too well his past record, and his suit against W. W. Culver for funds claimed to be due, and which was never pressed. Perhaps if the suit had been pushed Culver would have shown that it was Butler who squandered the farmers' good money.

The directors of the Kansas Farmers Co-operative Shipping Assn. propose at the next annual meeting in June "To abandon the present method of dividing net earnings and pay dividends on stock only." "If this change is made, the miller will share in the earnings of the company in proportion to the amount of stock he holds." Even should the present division be retained the by-laws will be amended to give the miller a rebate on the grain he buys from the company.

### KENTUCKY.

Georgetown, Ky.—Offutt & Blackburn have succeeded E. N. Offutt & Co.

Louisville, Ky.—The Union Hay & Grain Co. incorporated, \$1,000 capital stock. Incorporatiors, Wm. J. Reidling, Geo. W. Marcus and P. W. Dietrich.

Lancaster, Ky.—H. A. B. Marksbury & Son are engaged in a praiseworthy endeavor to assist the farmers to market their kennessers which incorporate in

Lancaster, Ky.—H. A. B. Marksbury & Son are engaged in a praiseworthy endeavor to assist the farmers to market their hemp crop, which is a leader in Garrard County, where last year 4,000,000 pounds, valued at \$225,000, was grown. To overcome the great trouble and annoyance caused by the lack of farm laborers Marksbury & Son have had experiments made with a hemp-breaking machine made by the Universal Fiber Co., of Chicago, Ill., invented by Shely Bros., of Chicago, formerly of Lexington, Ky. At the instance of Marksbury & Son A. M. Shely, W. A. Shely, J. M. Worth, J. E. Keith, John Selvig and H. B. Kendl, all of Chicago, visited Lancaster recently to demonstrate the operation of the machine, which is said to be a complete success.

Charles C. McChord, chairman of the Kentucky State Railroad Commission, who has been holding hearings at different towns, on the protest against the advance by the Illinois Central of grain rates to the southeast, says: "Our complaints in Kentucky have come largely from grain men and it seems imperative that we provide a thorough readjusment. The shippers generally have complained and it goes to show that what the grain interests object to, really exists. We are figuring on a readjustment and we think the railroads will make the concessions without being forced to do so." As desired by the grain dealers at Morganfield the Commission has ordered the Illinois Central to reduce the rate from that place to the southeast 4 cents per 100.

### LOUISIANA.

Belle Alliance, La.—The Goyer Alliance Refining Co., with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn., will soon start a new glucose plant and be in the market for 10,000 bus. of corn daily from Jan. I to Oct. 15th.

New Orleans, La.—The contract for the reconstruction of the 1,500.000-bu. I. C. Eltr. E has been let to Chicago's ex-Mayor, Geo. B. Swift. The structure will be of wood and the work will be done by the Macdonald Engineering Co.

New Orleans, La.—New Orleans is well advertised in an 8-page brochure in which Fred Muller calls attention to 3 distinctive fields for the expansion of the city's commerce—the development of manufacturing industries, expansion of import business, Central and South America.

New Orleans, La.—James Stewart & Co. have received the contract to build 2 large warehouses at a cost of \$1,500,000 for the Illinois Central, in addition to the contract for the big eltr. The new warehouses will be fireproof as far as it is possible to make them by the use of brick, stone and cement.

### MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Md.—John G. Bauernschmidt has been elected a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Baltimore, Md.—The following have been elected directors of the Chamber of Commerce Building Co.; Jas. C. Gorman, Chas. England and Geo. S. Jackson. Baltimore, Md.—John W. Snyder, of Hammond & Snyder, Robt. Ramsey, of Patterson, Ramsey & Co., and Geo. S. Jackson, of Gill & Fisher, as a committee from the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, visited New Orleans recently inspecting the exporting facilities for grain in that city. Chief Grain Inspector W. L. Richeson extended every courtesy to the visitors and took them to the Chalmette and Weswego Eltrs, and to see the ruins of the recent fire.

### MICHIGAN.

Blanchard, Mich.—J. W. Fate has succeeded Jas. Lynch.

Deford, Mich.—The R. G. Noble Co. is dealing in grain.

Ovid, Mich.—The Ovid Eltr. Co. has filed notice of dissolution.

Findley, Mich.—Raymond Wright is mgr. of the eltr. for W. Walter.

Flint, Mich.—J. P. Burroughs & Son have purchased the eltr. of Edwards Bros.

St. Charles, Mich.—J. Hale & Son, of Lyons, offer to build a \$4,000 eltr. if the town will donate a site.

Schoolcraft, Mich.—C. E. Carpenter, formerly of Marcellus, will build a 10,000-bu. eltr. this spring on the G. T. Ry.

Elkton, Mich.—The Elkton Grain Co. has shut down for repairs its bean picking plant, which it runs in connection with its eltr.

Chesaning, Mich.—The Chesaning Grain Co. incorporated, \$20,000 capital stock, to handle all kinds of grain. Incorporators, W. L. Ireland, Morris B. Kirby and H. G. Mowl.

The Stockbridge Eltr. Co., of Jackson, Mich., is favoring its many friends in the trade with a handsome aluminum blotter holder filled with a fresh supply of good blotting stock and decorated with lithograf.

Detroit, Mich.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade: Laban A. Parsons, pres.; John T. Hornung, 1st vice-pres.; Alex. J. Ellair, 2nd vice-pres. Directors: Frank T. Caughey, Fred. J. Simmons, Geo. Beck, Jas. T. Shaw, Henry E. Botsford, John Corydon, A. S. Dumont and T. G. Craig.

### MINNEAPOLIS.

The Twin City Eltr Co. incorporated, \$200,000 capital stock. Incorporators, J. N. Hoit, Geo. W. Jenkins and C. F. Jenkins.

The federal court has appointed Thomas H. Salmon receiver of the Coe Commission Co. bucket-shop, to supersede Judge Harrison.

Roy Christman, who was recently found dead in Great Northern Eltr. No. 1, died of pneumonia, instead of having been smothered by dust as was first supposed,

Dr. L. C. Mitchell, vice-pres. of the Great Western Eltr. Co. and pres. of the Aberdeen Milling Co., mourns the death of his wife, which occurred Mar. II at Elmira, N. Y., from pneumonia.

One of the largest transactions in the grain trade ever recorded at Minneapolis was the single sale of 2,000 cars of wheat by F. H. Peavey & Co. to the Washburn-Crosby Co., on Mar. 22.

Six new desks have been built on the trading floor of the Chamber of Com-

merce for the commercial reporters. The raised dais forms also a convenient place from which to address the traders.

In the suit of I. L. Corse & Co. against the Minnesota Grain Co. the Supreme Court of Minnesota recently affirmed the decision of the lower court in favor of the Minnesota Grain Co., which had sold an account of a customer to Corse & Co., who alleged that the solvency of the customer had been falsely represented.

E. S. Woodworth, pres. of the Chamber of Commerce, says of the Coe Commission Co.'s failure: While I dislike verymuch to see anyone in trouble, I must say that I am not at all sorry to hear of the Coe Commission Co.'s failure. It was a bucket-shop, and a bucket-shop of the worst kind. I contend that a thing that is absolutely wrong in principle cannot endure for an indefinite period. It was the survival of the fittest, I believe in this case. The big bucket-shops of Minneapolis have long been a thorn in the side of the Chamber of Commerce, and the failure of the Coe Co. has increased the feeling against them ten-fold.

creased the feeling against them ten-fold. The Mutual Eltr. Co., the incorporation of which was reported in this column Mar. 10, has succeeded Leeland & Burgeson, of Minneota, who had acquired 7 eltrs. before forming the new company. The eltrs, being at the following stations: Minneota, Taunton, Porter, Triumph and Ceylon, Minn., Dolliver and Fenton, Ia. This property is all practically new and modern, the average capacity being about 26,000 bus., all gascoline power. E. I. Leeland retains the controlling interest of the company and becomes its pres. and mgr. at Minneapolis. Mr. Leeland has been connected with the grain business for 20 years, having started as buyer for G. W. Van Dusen & Co. He afterward was traveling auditor for the Mayfield Eltr. Co., which position he held until the company's eltrs, at Minneota and Taunton, which he operated since. In forming the new company Mr. Leeland plans to make it what its name indicates, mutual, and employing no one, as agts. who are not stockholders to the extent of at least \$1,000 and only employing these from among men of experience in the grain and eltr. business. With Mr. Leeland's personal knowledge of the business and the plan of employing only those who have a good knowledge of the business it would seem that the company would be a strong as well as safe one.

### MINNEAPOLIS LETTER.

Frederick Richter, a popular member of the Chamber of Commerce "pit" crowd, was married last Tuesday.—J. A. R.

I hear of considerable activity in the eltr, building line, that is at country stations, nothing going up here this year that I know of.

Considerable wheat received here for some weeks has been coming from Duluth and so has been on record once before as country arrivals.

The stock of one northern is starting to decrease and the millers are taking it.

There has been considerable oats going south from here in the past two weeks,

St. Louis being the best buyers.

The heaviest receiver of farm consignments here makes a business of securing their trade by loaning money to them and sending agents among them. Every firm here is after that trade.

W. M. Hopkins, formerly of the Minneapolis and St. Louis R. R. is looking after the interests of the Chamber of Commerce in the rate differences between Minneapolis, Chicago and interior points.—I. A. R.

Alexander McKinnon, by a resolution of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, was expelled from the organization and the privileges of the firm of McKinnon, Son & Co. rescinded. The firm was charged with violating sections 7 and 8 of rule 4, which provides against uncommercial conduct. Mr. McKinnon is reported as very ill at his home and did not appear before the directors at the time of the action. A member of the firm said that the ruling of the directors would not be accepted as final.—J. A R.

It was quite noticable during the recent slump in wheat that the chairs in the smoking room were vacant, usually they are all filled by visitors who watch the blackboard and discuss the market. They are usually bullish, but right at the bottom when the market was the weakest there was not a bull in the crowd. They were all bearish as could be. The smoking room is a great place to watch the public. By watching the visitors there and ascertaining their sentiment, one can safely determine in that way the sentiment of the entire outside speculating public.

The sampling office created by the Chamber of Commerce a year ago and in charge of official sampler Gilbert has been doing good work. Eastern as well as buyers at other places seem to be well satisfied with the turn of things as they refuse to buy any grain in Minneapolis now except upon Gilbert's approval. Mr. Gilbert has taken considerable pains in establishing a good reputation for his office and the result has been that the notoriously bad reputation of Minneapolis for making unsatisfactory deliveries of grain sold elsewhere by sample to arrive, is vanishing.

There is very little business done these days in cash grain between Minneapolis and Chicago and Milwaukee. This is especially true in barley and as the Grain Dealers Journal voiced the conditions at the opening of the season last fall, the barley this year coming into Minneapolis has been marketed direct with the trade in the east, instead as heretofore with the buyers in Milwaukee and Chicago. The sellers of barley here are now sending their samples to the trade in the east and have got so they do not use Milwaukee or Chicago at all any more. The freight to those places is about the same as to Buffalo from here and the dealers here now are reaching beyond their former outlets.—Minn.

### MINNESOTA.

Milan, Minn.—The Geo. C. Bagley Eltr.
Co. has bot the eltr. of C. O. Christian.
Worthington, Minn.—The Skawis Meen

Worthington, Minn.—The Skewis-Moen Co. purchased the plant of the Devereux Eltr. Co.

Bellingham, Minn.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. has decided to buy or build an eltr. in the near future.

Erickson's bill prohibiting bucket-shops passed the Minnesota house Mar. 20 by a vote of 71 to 0.

Odessa, Minn.—R. B. Ehrle, of Wolverton, has succeeded E. Webb as agt. for the Crown Eltr. Co.

Blue Earth, Minn.—Hermon Stavenow is mgr. of the eltr. recently purchased by the Walter-Bowman Eltr. Co.

Morris, Minn.—H. C. Snyder has purchased the eltr. of the Interstate Grain Co. and will take possession about May 1.

The Minnesota house has passed Morse's bill providing for the incorporation of mutual eltr. insurance companies.

A bill providing for the inspection of hay and straw by the railroad and warehouse commission has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature.

The La Follette railroad rate bill was presented in the Minnesota legislature Mar. 21 by A. K. Ware of Northfield and A. J. Anderegg of Le Sueur.

Ellendale, Minn.—G. C. Christianson, mgr. of the eltr. for the Western Eltr.

-:Co., will remove to Colorado, where he will engage in the grain business.

Duluth, Minn.—W. O. Folk, who is the only representative of Edwards, Wood & Co. on the Board of Trade, has been a member since Aug. 12, 1904.

Springfield, Minn.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. will build a 30,000-bu. eltr., work to be commenced in Apr. The Younglove Construction Co. has furnished plans.

Senator Witherstine has introduced in the Minnesota legislature a bill copying the Iowa railroad law, prohibiting rebates and making distance tariff regulations.

Fairfax, Minn.—A. E. Pehrson, the former agt. for the Pacific Eltr. Co., has been arrested for a shortage of over \$700 in his accounts with the company.

An amendment to the law striking out the clause which permits the Minnesota railroad commission to suspend the long and short haul clause has been offered by W. D. Washburn, Jr.

Arthur F. Evenson of St. Peter, Minn., has been appointed a member of the state board of grain appeals to succeed Mr. Lally, who died recently, and whose term would have expired Aug. 1.

The senate committee on grain and warehouses has recommended for passage the Thorpe bill prohibiting warehouse managers from giving due bills as a substitute for warehouse receipts.

Thorpe's bill giving the state railroad and warehouse commissioners authority to cancel the licenses of commission merchants who have been found guilty of defrauding shippers has been approved by committee.

Blooming Prairie, Minn.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. has purchased the eltr. of the Huntting Eltr. Co. and the agt. of the eltr. company is shipping out all the grain on hand and expects to turn the cltr. over to the new owners about Mar. 27.

Winona, Minn.—The Western Eltr. Co. will close many of its country stations Apr. 1, as the agents report nothing back in farmers' hands. One morning recently the receipts at all of its, 225 stations were reported to be less than 300 bus. of wheat.

Little Falls, Minn.—The eltr. of the Farmers Exchange burned Mar. 8 with about 1,000 bus. of wheat and 100 bus. of seed wheat. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$2,600. Secy. Kull states that the eltr. will probably be built before the next wheat harvest. Julius Newman is mgr.

The corporations committee of the Minnesota house has recommended for passage Peterson's bill limiting the charge

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for messages within the state to 25 cents for 10 words; also the Morley bill permitting co-operative eltr. companies to purchase stock in other eltr. companies.

Duluth, Minn.—Geo. K. Taylor, who was manager of the Duluth offices of Edwards, Wood & Co., at the time false returns were sent to country shippers on grain consigned to that firm, has been dismissed from the service of the firm and is no longer a member of the Duluth Board of Trade.

Senator Ward's bucket-shop bill provides that on a petition of 10 or more electors the city council must submit the bucket-shop proposition to a vote of the people. In a large city like Minneapolis the bucket-shop sharks would keep on petitioning and have the voters constantly agitated with the question.

Altho the railroad committee of the Minnesota house reported against Nolan's reciprocal demurrage bill the measure was adopted by a vote of 87 to 26. Nolan made a strong speech for his measure, stating he held in his hand a petition representing every shipping point in the state asking for the passage of the bill.

Hastings, Minn.—The Hastings Malting Co. has put the last barley of the season in the soaking tank, which is very early as the plant is running usually up to June 1. The cause is said to be unjust discrimination in freight rates and it is claimed that maltsters in other towns have an advantage of 5 cents per hundred over the tariff of this city.

The friends of reciprocal demurrage will be pleased to know that the bill which has been championed so persistently and earnestly by the Shippers Assn. was passed by the lower house Mar. 15, by a vote of 108 to 7. The shippers have carried everything before them so far and now should keep up the running fight lest the good work already accomplished comes to naught.

Morgan, Minn.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. recently held a stormy meeting while balancing the year's business. A dispute arose over the accounts, some claiming the concern had run behind. As a result three stockholders and directors withdrew from the company, as they could not approve of such business principles, as they thought too much of their reputation to be identified with a concern that may end in a bad smash.

J. H. Dorsey has introduced a bill in the Minnesota legislature to secure a more equitable assessment of line eltr. property. It makes it a crime for an eltr. agent to make a false report of the grain in store May 1. The poor agents of the line eltr. companies have trouble enuf without being singled out by law for special punishment. The grain dealer who fails to state the true quality of grain in his house is no more guilty than men in other lines of business who make false statements. The bill places a stigma on a class of good citizens and should be defeated.

Farmers are taking great interest in the lectures given on the pure seed train of the Omaha road. Thousands of grain growers have attended the lectures, and returned to their farms with a determination to adopt the few simples rules laid down by Professor Boss. On the train were: Professor Andrew Boss of the University of Minnesota and E. C. Parker, assistant at the State Agricultural college; William H. Chambers, general

manager of the Peavey Eltr. Co.; E. J. Skewis of the Skewis-Moen Co.; J. J. Quinn, secretary of the Tri-State Grain Dealers Assn.

The petition of the Duluth members of the state board of grain appeals to have the board procure samples of grain in dispute was opposed by Commissioner C. F. Staples on account of the \$14,000 additional annual expense. The amendment is expected to pass as the senate grain and warehouse committee has approved it as follows: That the state board of grain appeals at Minneapolis and Duluth shall have the right, in case of appeal, to designate from the official helpers in the employ of the commission not otherwise employed, one who shall get and furnish to it the samples to be used in such appeals.

### MISSOURI.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The legislature has passed the bill providing for the inspection of hay by the state grain inspection department

The ridiculous bill prohibiting the use of wheat testers in the buying of wheat has fortunately been defeated in the Missouri legislature.

St. Louis. Mo.—Traders are sticking to old style wheat contracts. While new style is at only a fractional discount, very few transactions are made in it.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Andrews-McClelland Grain Co. incorporated, \$20,000 capital stock, to deal in grain of all kinds. Incorporators, W. O. Andrews, Frank M. McClelland and John E. Timberlake.

Springfield, Mo.—At a meeting to be held Mar. 28 the Southwestern Missouri Millers Assn. will arrange for a good seed wheat campaign, to co-operate with the Frisco road, which will furnish a car for the exhibit.

Neosho, Mo.—The Missouri & Kansas Grain Co. has increased its capital from \$2,000 to \$20,000 and will incorporate. The following were chosen as directors for the first year: A. L. Brannock, C. E. Davis, Ed Haas, J. W. Lamson, Ben Hatler, J. M. Ritchey and J. T. Sturgis.

Kansas City, Mo.—Jas. I. Reynolds, one of the oldest grain and feed dealers in Kansas City, died Mar. 13, aged 59 years. Mr. Reynolds came to Kansas City about 1872 and soon after formed the Kansas City Grain & Feed Co., of which he was pres. at the time of his death.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Missouri state railroad and warehouse commissioners on Mar. 16 issued a refusal to establish a separate grade of Russian or Pacific Coast red winter wheat. The commission claims that the difference between Pacific and Missouri winter wheat is not sufficient to warrant a separate grade.

Kansas City, Mo.—The contract for the new 1,000,000-bu, concrete tanks and wood operating eltr. for the A. T. & S. F. Ry., at Argentine, Kan., has been awarded to the Witherspoon-Englar Co. The house will contain a No. 6 Hess Drier of 12,000-bu, daily capacity. It will have a concrete housing and be constructed of fire proof material thruout.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The state senate has passed the good roads bill. The abutting property on each side of the road for two miles is made a road district, subject to special assessment for the improvement of the road. The county court is authorized to define the road dis-

tricts and on petition of property owners any section of road may be taken up for improvement. The contract for improving the road is let to the lowest bidder, and the tax bills may be distributed over a period of twenty years.

Kansas City, Mo.—Birmingham, Nelson & Co. are a new firm in the grain, flour and mill feed business. H. A. Birmingham has been connected with the grain trade for 14 years, having been a member of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce and New Orleans Board of Trade. He is now an active member of the Kansas City Board of Trade. E. E. Nelson, the junior partner, has had 7 years experience in the flour milling business. Mr. Birmingham will represent the firm on the Board of Trade and Mr. Nelson will have charge of the office. They began business Mar. I.

Kansas City, Mo.—It is said the proposed establishment of a grain freight clearing house will shorten the time of handling cars 36 hours. One of the features of the railroad companies' plan for a grain and freight clearing house will be the bonding of all the grain dealers, so that the railroads will feel at liberty to deliver grain to the independent eltrs of the dealers without fear for the freight charges, and will permit of a settlement of freight charges on a basis of eltr. weight after cars have been unloaded, instead of on a basis of railroad track scale weight, which is liable to be more or less unreliable. B. H. Garrigues, mgr. of the Missouri Valley Car Service Assn., says this is to be desired by the railroads as well as by the grain merchants and will strengthen the Kansas City grain market in the eyes of the shippers. In a word, the joint office, if put in by the railroads, will render and collect all bills for freight, reconsigning, switching and demurrage charges, and will receive all disposition orders and bills of lading.

Jefferson City, Mo .- The Missouri legislature is going after the Missouri state railroad and warehouse commissioners sharply for giving Pacific coast wheat the same grade as Missouri red winter. resolutions have been adopted, one calling upon the commissioners to report their action, and the other as follows: Whereas, the committee appointed by the speaker of the house to examine into and report back to the house in regard to the grading of red Russian wheat raised in the western states, as No. 2 wheat in comparison with the wheat raised by Miscomparison with the wheat raised by Missouri farmers, did not have time to make a thorough and intelligent report, and, whereas, the 43d general assembly is about to adjourn and will not, therefore, about to adjourn and will not, therefore, have time to investigate the matter as it should; therefore, be it resolved, that the attorney-general is hereby directed to make full and complete investigation as to the action of said board of railroad and warehouse commissioners, and the grain inspector appointed by and acting under said board, in grading said Russian wheat as No. 2, and the attorney-general is hereby authorized and directed to institute any proceeding which, in his judgment, should be instituted to ascer-tain the full and complete facts and remedy this great injustice imposed upon the farmers of Missouri.

### NEBRASKA.

Bruning, Neb.—The Bruning Mill & Eltr. Co. is building a large cleaning house in connection with its mill, to clean

grain in transit. G. H. Birchard has the contract.

Rescue, Neb.—The Ewart-Wilkinson Grain Co. has succeeded the Rescue Eltr. Co.

Beatrice, Neb.—The Worrall Grain Co., of Omaha, has succeeded the Local Grain Co.

Omaha, Neb.—The Omaha Eltr. Co. recently shipped 1,000 tons of sacked barley to Kobe, Japan.

Pender, Neb.—C. H. Halverson, formerly at Mankato, Minn., is mgr. for the American Grain Co.

Gretna, Neb.—The Gretna Eltr. Co. has been organized with \$15,000 capital to succeed the Farmers Eltr. Co.

Grafton, Neb.—E. T. Real and J. W. Fennell, have purchased the eltr. of the McConaughy Grain Co., of Holdrege.

Cairo, Neb.—The engine at the eltr. of J. E. Cox broke down recently and much trouble was caused for a couple of days.

Callaway, Neb.—D. F. Barker was injured recently by the hook used to support the grain spout, which fell striking his right arm.

Lushton, Neb.—A. R. Roberts has resigned his position with W. H. Ferguson and goes to St. Louis, where he has accepted a position.

The Union Pacific recently ran a seed corn special over its Nebraska lines under the direction of Professor T. L. Lyon of the state university.

Omaha, Neb.—P. E. Iler is interested in a project to build a large independent distillery at Omaha. The building of a second distillery at Omaha will improve the local market for grain.

Kearney, Neb.—The Grain Dealers Journal is the best publication that comes to our office and as long as we remain in business we shall read and pay for it.—W. H. Roe, of W. H. Roe Seed, Feed & Grain Co.

Exeter, Neb.—S. G. Manning has succeeded N. M. Becker as mgr. for the Trans-Mississippi Grain Co. Mr. Manning was formerly mgr., but accepted a position in the mail service. Mr. Becker will return to his farm.

Omaha, Neb.—The first annual report of the Grain Exchange, including only the II months from Feb. I to Dec. 3I, has just been issued by Secy. Merchant. The receipts of grain during the II months have been 16,433,285 bus.

Omaha, Neb.—The Trans-Mississippi Grain Co. has taken care of its local business thru the plant of the Omaha Eltr. Co. since the fire at Council Bluffs. Its country business is being handled by the eltr. of the Updike Grain Co. at Missouri Valley, Ia.

Randolph, Neb.—Simon Fritzson has repurchased the eltr. which he sold to J. H. Boughn last spring. After selling this eltr. he built an 18,000-bu. eltr. at Wareham, which he now operates in connection with the eltr. at this point. Wareham is a flag station situated between Randolph and Belden.

Blue Springs, Neb.—Blythe & Patton, whose eltr. burned Feb. 27, have let the contract to D. H. Cramer for the erection of a 12,000-bu. cribbed eltr. The York Foundry & Engine Works will furnish the equipment of eltr. machinery and supplies, including a 7-h. p. Howe Gasoline Engine and a Barnard & Leas Separator.

Crete, Neb.—The Goodell Grain Co., of Crete, and D. R. Hopkins, of Kramer, and Wilber, have combined their interests and have incorporated as the Hopkins-Goodell Co. with \$50,000 capital. D. R. Hopkins is pres. and C. B. Goodell, seey, and treas. Mr. Hopkins goes to Chicago about Apr. I to reside, and Mr. Goodell will have entire charge of the business.

### NEW ENGLAND.

Barton, Vt.-S. C. Currier has succeeded Parker & Humphrey.

Groveland, Mass.—The eltr. for Wm. H. Dewhirst has been completed.

Wakefield, Mass.—Curley Bros. contemplate the erection of an eltr.

Bridgeport, Conn.—W. M. Terry has remodeled his warehouse and has built an addition in which will be placed the grain weighing scales,

### BOSTON LETTER.

P. J. O'Toole, for many years in charge of the export department of the A. Fred Brown Commission Co. of this city, has engaged in the grain brokerage business on his own account.

Grain shipments from this port during the past week were 278,226 bus. of corn, 37,012 bus. of barley and 11,970 bus. of wheat. According to advanced booking, the shipments this week will aggregate 314,000 bus. of wheat and corn.

On the Warren Line S. S. Michigan, which left Liverpool Mar. II for Boston, was a shipment of 10,000 sacks of American flour which had been resold in this city and was coming here for delivery. This lot was part of a cargo of 440,000 sacks of Washington flour shipped from Tacoma last October on a big 4-masted bark, around Cape Horn for Liverpool. In due time the vessel reached its destination and the cargo was transferred to the warehouses. In the meantime the sharp advance in wheat in this country had affected the price of flour, with the result that the selling price was much higher here than in Europe. The Liverpool owner stands to make a profit even after deducting the cost of the freight for 2 ocean voyages, the rehandling and the cost of storage on the other side.—

### **NEW JERSEY.**

Weehawken, N. J.—Walter B. Pollock, mgr. of the marine department of the N. Y. C. & H. R. Ry., provided 2 steamboats to bring the New York grain and shipping trades to Weehawken where they had been invited to visit the new 2,000,000-bu. eltr. recently completed by the N. Y. C. & H. R. Ry. at a cost of \$1,250,000. This house increases the eltr. capacity of this railroad, at Weehawken, to 4,750,000 bus. The eltr. is 200 ft. high, 100 ft. long and 300 ft. deep, and is built entirely of steel, cement and brick. It contains 59 bins, each 15 ft. square by 80 ft. deep, and has, counting the half and split bins, 208 storage bins. It is operated by electricity, has 24 eltr. legs and a marine tower for unloading, rope transmission and a dust collecting system. There are 14 cleaning machines, each having capacity for 5,500 bus. per hour. As a result of the fireproof construction the insurance rate on grain stored in this eltr. will be but 40 cents, compared with \$2 and \$2.50, the rate on old style eltrs.

### **NEW YORK.**

Albany, N. Y.—Bill No. 419, against option trading, is opposed by the New York Produce Exchange.

Three Mile Bay, N. Y.—I find many things helpful and of interest in the Grain Dealers Journal.—E. W. Tucker.

New York, N. Y.—The New York Hay Exchange Assn. has petitioned the railroads to erect a union terminal warehouse for hay.

New York, N. Y.—We are indebted to E. D. Miner, secy., for a copy of the hay and straw inspection rules established by the N. Y. Hay Exchange Assn.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The establishment of a buro to trace freight has been recommended to the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce by the transportation committee.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Dudley M. Irwin has been appointed to represent Cargill & Co., of Minneapolis and Duluth, who will sell their own wheat and other grains in the future in Buffalo.

New York, N. Y.—Chairman Parker of the Produce Exchange committee on trade and transportation has made an emphatic protest to the Central Traffic and Eastern Trunk Line Assns. against the basis of adjustment of the Atlantic-Gulf freight rate differential, which is 5½ cents to Baltimore against 7 cents to New York, from Kansas City. From Omaha New York also is at a disadvantage of 1½ cents.

### BUFFALO LETTER.

General Manager Heald of the Mutual Eltr. has returned from his winter in California, but Manager Dodge of the Frontier Eltr. is still in the Island of Iamaica

The Coatsworth Eltr. was afire a few days ago from an overheated pulley, but the fire was put out with little damage done. The harbor has not lost an eltr. by fire in several years. It used to be the rule for one to burn about every year.

The case of the fallen Ontario eltr. shows no change; but there is a rumor that the earth under the foundation has been found to be something of a minus quantity. This will hardly be made an official matter till the suits to recover on the insurance policies are tried.

The eltr. pool is still to be perfected, tho it is usually an easy matter to proceed under last season's arrangement if there is any difficulty over the final plan when it is time to take in grain. There is no prospect of any material change, either in the make-up of the pool or in the elevation and shoveling rates.

Still no improvement in the wheat situation. There has been so little Kansas wheat on 'Change of late that it is no longer quoted. A little State red winter was shown lately. An apparent shortage of spring wheat has sent the limit price up to 7 cents over New York May, but local millers are supposed to be quite independent of such prices.

Ice in the inner harbor has made trouble all winter and it is now gone only where there is a current to move it. At the Tifft Farm it was lately possible to move vessels only by "booming" out the ice with a horse. The steamer Sill, which has a big cargo of wheat for the Washburn-Crosby mill, has been wanted from that section some weeks, but it is still impossible to move her.

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The corn movement by rail is still increasing, though it has been heavy for a considerable time. There is also a large amount of oats coming, the two, with a little of other grains, sometimes running past 150 cars a day, with 200 for one day lately. There are about 50 also coming out of eltr. every day, so that the grain movement is at its largest for years, even if there is next to no wheat moving.

Canal boatmen are becoming somewhat active, but as yet have been able to get only a little oats for shipment. The difficulty is that the spring rail rate has not been made. It is about 5 cents on wheat to New York. The canal fleet is growing again, but is now so small that the rail-roads do not think of it in making competing rates, but are merely trying to protect their through business from gulf

The occurrence here of late that will most interest the grain trade is the plan of the American Malting Co., perhaps better known as the Trust, to build a monster malt house in the harbor, said to be the largest in the world. The site is on Buffalo creek next above the Electric eltr. The piece of land is 500 by 700 ft., on which will be built a malt house of 3,000,000-bu. capacity, with eltr. of 2,500,000-bu. capacity, the plant to cost \$1,000,000 and to be ready for business next fall. It had been rumored sometime that there was a new eltr. scheme on the tapis here and the new malt house seems to be the foundation for it. It will not need to be said that the Buffalo existing malt houses are out of the trust. Had they been in the new one wud hardly have been built. All of them are active this winter and one of the maltsters estimates that they will manufacture about 5,000,000 bus. of malt this season, so the new one will come near to doubling this capacity.—J. C.

### NORTH DAKOTA.

Rolla, N. D.—The National Eltr. Co. will rebuild its eltr. which burned Feb. 24.

Kindred, N. D.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. has bot the eltr. of the St. Anthony & Dakota Eltr. Co.

Glasston, N. D.—R. E. Armstrong has succeeded J. F. Kippen, as agt. for the Interstate Grain Co.

Fargo, N. D.—The Sayre-Strong Grain & Mercantile Co. has increased its capital stock to \$50,000.

Washburn, N. D.—The Benton Transportation Co. will build an eltr. on the bank of the Missouri river.

Edmore, N. D.—C. E. Burgess, of the Burgess Eltr. Co., has sold his residence and will remove to Devils Lake, as a more central location.

Minot, N. D.—Dulaney Bros., of Williston, contemplate the erection of a number of eltrs. on the G. N. Ry. west of Minot this summer.

Underwood, N. D.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$20,000 capital stock. Incorporators, A. H. Yeager, H. L. Currier, C. R. Omisel and O. Bearchley.

Hillsboro, N. D.—The Duluth Eltr. Co. is tearing down the north wing of its eltr. and will erect it in one of the new towns in the western part of the state.

Wyndmere, N. D.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$50,000 capital stock. Incorporators: F. J. Kuchers, who is pres.; Neil Campbell, secy.; Gus. Selland, treas.

Michigan City, N. D.—The Michigan City Farmers Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$50,000 capital stock. Incorporators: John G. Olson, W. L. Fowler and John Dunlap.

Leal, N. D.—The farmers have organized a co-operative eltr. company and will build a 50,000-bu, eltr. during the coming summer. J. W. Widdifield is pres. and J. W. Hilbron is secy.

Courtenay, N. D.—The Courtenay Farmers Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$50,000 capital stock, to operate eltr. and electric light plant. Incorporators: G. A. Tucker, J. Bradford and M. Turner.

Kenmare, N. D.—The Clauson Milling & Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$50,000 capital stock. Incorporators: R. Clauson of Kenmare and Geo. W. Woolsey and Allen E. Hartman of St. Paul, Minn.

Enderlin, N. D.—The Enderlin Farmers Eltr. Co. incorporated, \$50,000 capital stock. Incorporators, Wallace Galbreath, E. O. Fausett, Chas. Mueller, Carl Lindeman, Albert Kaber, Aug. Matthes and Erick Rognaldson. The firm will buy or build an eltr. in time to handle the coming crop.

St. Thomas, N. D.—The house recently purchased by Miller Bros. and remodeled for cleaning grain burned Mar. 13 with 3,000 bus. of wheat and about 2,000 bus. of barley, all of which was intended for seed. The fire is supposed to have caught from an oil stove in the engine room. Loss, about \$7,000; no insurance was carried on either grain or building.

Litchville, N. D.—The Litchville Farmers Eltr. Co. incorporated, 50,000 capital stock. Incorporators, H. J. Hanson, S. G. Sarsten, Emil Carlson, Thos. Gudmestad, Lewis M. Olson, of Litchville, and C. N. Harsoger and Otto Hanson, of Griswold. The company intends building a 50,000-bu. eltr. to be equipped with cleaning and grading machinery. One of the rules of the company is that a fine of I cent per bu. will be required from every member who sells his grain to a line company, altho he can sell to them if he wishes. The officers of the company are: H. J. Hanson, pres.; Thos. Gudmestad, vice-pres.; Samuel J. Sarsten, secy. and L. M. Olson, treas.

Auburn, N. D.—The eltr. of the Northwestern Eltr. Co. burned Mar. 18 with about 6,000 bus. of wheat, flax, barley and oats and also a car of wheat, loaded and billed the day previous. The agt., J. S. Gunn, had started a fire in the office and on returning soon after discovered the office on fire. He secured 2 fire extinguishers, which were hanging in the driveway but was unable to make any impression on the fire and in a few moments the whole building was in flames. On account of the strong wind blowing at the time a large part of the grain was consumed. The eltr. of M. W. Hostetter on the south had a very narrow escape, as it was on fire several times, but thru the efforts of citizens was saved.

### OHIO.

Fruitdale, O.—J. E. Iseman has no eltr. and is doing a scooping business.

Kingman, O.—H. H. Hollingsworth has purchased the eltr. of Buckley Bros. Ohio City, O.—F. D. Brandt has re-

purchased his eltr. which he sold Dec. I. Blanchester, O.—Titus & Craig have dissolved partnership, Mr. Titus retiring. Bainbridge, O.—John Giffin, M. Fer-

neau and Wm. Sheible are scooping at Bainbridge.

LaRue, O.—J. Spaulding has succeeded M. E. Burke as mgr. for the LaRue Grain & Eltr. Co.

Ottawa, O.—Justice & Co. have purchased the eltr. of Ralph G. Spencer and succeeded him Mar. 1.

Canal Winchester, O.—The Winchester Milling Co. recently installed an improved Hall Distributor.

Perrysville, O.—J. F. Jones & Son will succeed J. F. Jones on Apr. 1, Mr. Jones taking his son into partnership.

Jonestown, Tokio P. O., O.—John Rexworth has purchased for \$2,700 the eltr. of Sheller & Disher, of Decatur, Ind.

Pittsburg, O.—Aaron Wright & Co. have purchased for \$9,000 the eltr. recently purchased by Ed. Ammon from Ed. McGue.

Catawba, Horrs P. O., O.—W. H. Hodge is overhauling his eltr., doubling the capacity and installing a feed grinder and hopper scales.

Louisville, O.—Levi Lautzenheiser has purchased the grain eltr. of Gehman, Lautzenheiser & Co., Messrs. Gehman and Shriver retiring.

Middlepoint, O.—The Pollock Grain Co. was organized to succeed H. G. Pol<sub>t</sub> lock, who made an assignment last summer. H. G. Pollock is mgr.

Canton, O.—The Rex & Hoberdier Stock & Grain Co. incorporated, \$1,000 capital stock. Incorporators, Geo. Rex, Harry Rex, E. D. Rex and Amanda Hoberdier

Kinnikinnick, O.—The eltr. in the case of L. D. McCoy vs. M. McCoy was recently sold at sheriff's sale. The N. & W. Ry. secured the eltr., scales and machinery for \$2,140.

Carey, O.—W. F. Johnston, of LaRue, has purchased the eltr. of Walter S. Snyder and has succeeded him. Mr. Johnston will reside in Carey and his business at LaRue will be managed as heretofore by his son, Hart Johnston.

Batson, O.—Brady Bros. have purchaser the interest of Mr. Sullivan in the firm of Brady Bros. & Sullivan and will continue the business. They have purchased the eltr. of the United Grain Co. They have an eltr. at McGill also.

Tiffin, O.—Sneath & Cunningham have won in the suit brot by Grafton Tieman to recover \$12,000 lost by Isaac Steinbaugh thru dealing in options. Tieman was a disinterested party, and brot suit under the gambling statute, but the jury evidently believed the transactions to have been legitimate.

Cincinnati, O.—The Early & Daniel Co. incorporated, \$350,000 capital stock, \$150,000 of which is preferred stock. The statement shows a net average earning of \$33,487, or 22½ per cent of the total issue of preferred stock. The company operates half of the Big Four eltr., which has a capacity of 400,000 bus.

Secy, J. W. McCord of the Ohio Shippers Assn. has issued a circular calling attention to the decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio in the suit of the Troy Wagon Works against the C., H. & D. R. R., that switching service can not legally be refused shippers on account of their refusal to comply with arbitrary car service rules.

The railroad committee of the Ohio Shippers Assn. will soon hold another

conference with the representatives of the carriers for the purpose of obtaining a renewal, with some modifications, of the present railroad agreement which expires Mar. 31. Shippers who have suggestions to make shud forward them promptly to Secretary McCord.

Cincinnati, O.—The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a special committee to improve the weighing system in general in the Cincinnati market. The committee intends to make such a complete investigation as to be able to recommend many improvements, which in all probability will be adopted by the board of directors. H. H. Hill is chairman of the committee.

All those who attended the meeting of the Ohio Shippers Assn. in Columbus last month, called on Governor Herrick and were received cordially and assured that the state statutes relating to rail carriers wud be rigidly enforced. Shippers who desire a copy of the state statutes bearing on their rights as shippers can obtain same by addressing Secretary J. W. McCord, Columbus.

The annual meeting of the Ohio Grain Dealers Assn. will be held at hotel Victory, Put-in-Bay, O., July 6 and 7, going there on the 5th and returning on the 8th. Since many grain dealers handle coal and are members of the Wholesale & Retail Coal Dealers Assn., of Ohio, the latter assn. has arranged to meet at the same place and date. Each assn. will hold separate meetings.

### TOLEDO LETTER.

Stephen W. Flower, of S. W. Flower & Co., wholesale field seed dealers, who has been critically ill for the past few weeks, is improving.

Hatton, O.—After having operated the eltr. here for the past three years, F. T. Sawyer & Co., this week sold out to R. C. Dewey & Co., of Hoytsville, O.

One well known grain concern of this section, which controls a string of nearly 30 eltrs,, reports business dead, there being hardly enough trade for 5 of the entire lot.

There are plenty of oats at country points, and the receipts on this market have been considerably increased during the past couple of weeks; much larger than a year ago.

P. E. Goodrich, of Winchester, Ind., secy. of the National Hay Assn., was a recent visitor on 'Change. Mr. Goodrich came here to arrange headquarters for the convention of the assn. to be held in the city July 18, 19 and 20.

Toledo public eltrs. at the beginning of this week contained 307,295 bus. of wheat compared with 173,832 bus. a year ago. Corn, 337,610 bus.; against 819,403 bus. a year ago. Oats, 435,164 bus.; compared with 690,971 bus. one year ago.

The movement of corn to this market has dropped off considerably during the past couple of weeks, the receipts being barely two-thirds of what they were. Bad roads and the resumption of farm work are given as the causes for lighter receipts.

W. H. Haskell and James Mason, of the Toledo Salvage Co., have returned from a trip to New Orleans, where they purchased 200,000 bus. of grain which was damaged in the disastrous levee fire. Little of the grain was shipped to Toledo as most of it was disposed of in the south.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed against F. M. Greenough &

Co., wholesale dealers in hay, grain and produce, by the Saginaw Coal Co., of Saginaw, Mich., which claim is for \$525.86 and interest; Ralph B. W. Barger, of Wheeling, W. Va., whose claim amounts to \$109.75; and William Ross, of Chicago, for \$116.50 and interest. The petitioning creditors claim an act in bankruptcy was committed on March 3 last when the concern allowed Herman Leach, of Chicago, to obtain preference in a judgment against the company and by levying an execution issued on said judgment on certain property of the concern. On March 2 the company made an assignment to A. A. Moody, of Toledo. In the petition, as filed in the United States district court, the creditors allege the company owes more than \$10,000, and, for this reason, they want the concern adjudged a bank-rupt.—H. D.

### OKLAHOMA

Guthrie, Okla.—Governor Ferguson has signed the reciprocal demurrage bill.

Ringwood, Okla.—The Home Grain Co. has purchased the eltr. of Mell & Cole

Guthrie, Okla.—The Guthrie Milling Co. will build a line of eltrs. along the Guthrie, Fairview & Western Ry.

Blackwell, Okla.—Vandenburgh Bros. and others will build a mill and eltr., work to be commenced in about 60 days. The mill will have capacity for 500 barrels of flour per day.

El Reno, Okia.—An 8,000-bu. eltr, is to be built by local capital, of which W. B. Roberts will be mgr. The house will be 24x24 and work will be started as soon as track privilege is secured. A 1,000-bu. hopper scale will be installed.

Guthrie, Okla.—Geo. Stevens of Cashion, M. Woolervy of Purcell, I. T., and W. A. Humphrey of Guthrie, met Mar. 6 at Guthrie to arbitrate a difference between Chas. Maple, grain dealer at Navina, and the Oklahoma Export Co., of Oklahoma City. A compromise was effected.

### OREGON.

Portland, Ore.—Full cargoes of barley, oats and hay are being shipped to the Japanese army. Among those recently cleared are the British steamships Elleric and Ras Elba for Japan.

Portland, Ore.—The Coe Commission Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., which a few months ago announced that it was about to establish a grain exchange at one of the larger coast cities to improve the market and add several cents per bu. to the price of wheat in the northwest, has suspended business. The few grain merchants who were approached by the proprietor of this bucket-shop with his scheme to start an independent exchange, refused to lend their support as soon as they learned his true character, and are now thankful that they did so.

Albany, Ore.—The Willamette Valley & Southern Oregon Millers Club, which was organized a year ago, held its first annual convention at Albany, Mar. 9. The executive committe consists of the following members: D. L. Keyt, Perrydale; J. E. Drucks, Lebanon; P. C. Hanson, Cottage Grove; Sherman Swank, Aumsville; Frank Gibson, Rickreall. Mr. Keyt is pres. of the club; W. Fischer, of Corvallis, vice-pres., and N. C. Christenson, of Newberg, treas. The executive

committee will elect a secretary to fill a vacancy which has temporarily been filled by Charles A. Park, of Salem. Many of those present strongly opposed the system of loaning sacks to farmers, advocating instead the sale of sacks.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Chas. W. Klauder, a grain and feed dealer, died Mar. 3, aged 56 years. He was a member of the Commercial Exchange.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Samuel J. Gilbey, with Chapin & Co., will on Apr. I engage in the grain, hay and feed business on his own account.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The hay inspection system devised by committees of the Commercial Exchange will soon be passed upon by the members, it is said.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Gen. Edw. de E. Loud, a former prominent grain merchant, died Feb. 25, aged 68 years. He was connected with the firm of Dickson, Loud & Co.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The transportation committee of the Commercial Exchange on Mar. 21 adopted resolutions protesting against the existing differentials in favor of the Gulf ports.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The following have applied for membership in the Commercial Exchange: Samuel J. Gilbey; J. S. Collins & Son, grain and feed dealers at Moorestown, N. J.; Russel M. Wagar, of C. M. Wagar & Co.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The Grain & Flour Exchange has taken an option on the second and third floors of the east wing of the Pennsylvania company's Ft. Wayne office building, the name of which will be changed to Grain Exchange bldg. The third floor will be altered to suit with separate rooms for the directors, superintendent and grain inspector. The trading room will occupy the second floor, with an area of 2,000 feet. The removal from the old quarters in the McCance block, which have been occupied for many years, will be delayed until about May I, as it will take time to make the desired alterations.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Chas. Dunwoody, former press of the Commercial Exchange and one of the best known grain merchants of Philadelphia died suddenly Mar. 13 on a Pennsylvania train while on his way into the city from his home in Narberth. Mr. Dunwoody was the head of the grain and flour firm of E. Dunwoody & Co., a firm which has not changed its name in 2 generations, and was also interested in the Washburn-Crosby Co., of Minneapolis, of which he was the eastern representative and of which his brother, W. H. Dunwoody, is vice-press and treas. Mr. Dunwoody was a director of and a member of the transportation and financial committees of the Commercial Exchange and had represented the Exchange in the various freight differential disputes. A delegation from the Exchange attended the funeral.

### PITTSBURG LETTER.

Oats are doing much better during the past few days than at any time since the opening of the present year. A much more active demand is noticeable, and the supply has fallen away. For so long there was a poor market here, and so much trouble found to dispose of oats at any profitable margin that shippers held back and allowed the market to grow stronger.

Quotations have responded slightly, and have gone forward to a maximum of 36 cents for No. 2 white.

Rye prices have advanced in sympathy with higher western quotations, and there has been a slightly improved demand for choice distilling rye. The movement is only limited, however, as frequently pointed out in these columns; there is no likelihood of any actual or long continued improvement until later on in the year.

Straw of all kinds is higher in price than it was two weeks ago, but there is plenty of oat and wheat arriving, and these kinds are no more than steady at prices listed by receivers. However, the demand is fairly active and the market is in good condition. Rye straw is very scarce, receipts not being sufficient to supply the demand.

The increase in corn prices recently has amounted almost to a boom, so sudden and long have been the strides as compared with what has been the state of affairs prior to the beginning of this month. Ear corn has sold within the last few days as high as 55 cents, for No. 2 yellow, while shelled, of the same grade, has brot 53 cents. The present outlook favors a good steady market for corn, although the buying is of a hand to mouth character, and sales are only possible where purchasers are entirely out of stock. The warmer weather which has ruled for some time has effectually killed all idea of laying in stocks, and buyers will only take what is necessary for immediate requirements. Very considerably diminished receipts have been quite a factor in producing the stronger corn conditions; and receivers would prefer to see a moderate amount of arrivals, rather than have the market broken, as it surely would be, by any very great increase of

There are those who claim there is a much better feeling in the mill-feed situation. Such a feeling must be of the same character as that of the old woman who can feel things in her bones, for there has been no material result in the matter of trading. Prices nominally are just what they have been for some time, and buyers are scarce. Millfeed has not found favor here this winter, the abnormal prices prohibiting its sale. Prices are almost double what they were several years ago, and buyers will not stand for the increase. Corn is found to be much more satisfactory from an economical standpoint, and is being used more freely as the call for millfeed diminishes. Both bran and middlings suffer from lack of circulation. Another factor in the situation, discouraging to dealers, is the want of uniformity in the matter of price at mills. Millers vary as much as a dollar or more a ton for the same grades, and this places the dealer in an uncertain position when attempting to meet competition. It will take something unusual in the situation to bring the millfeed market back to where it was a few years ago.

A number of causes have contributed, during the last two or three weeks, to the strengthening of the hay situation, and it has in some measure responded. There are those among the dealers of this section who fail to see anything like a material improvement, owing perhaps to the fact that their own business has not been brighter, but the fact remains, nevertheless, that trade is better, and there is more life in the market. Receipts have not been so heavy. Plenty of hay seemed

to come forward by the Pennsylvania lines, but heavy storms on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie route interfered with traffic by that road to a considerable extent, and there was a shortening of receipts, which caused a firmer feeling and extended throughout the market. Prices for timothy hay of the best grade have gone forward at least 25 cents a ton, and even better figures have been reported in some sales. Just at present the market is short of No. I grade of timothy, clover and clover mixed hay. Receivers are urging shippers to hurry forward shipments of such stock while the situation is favorable for the reception of hay of the best grade. There has been a steady and persistent neglect of lower grades of hay all year on the part of buyers, especially those known as small traders, and No. 2 and worse hay of all kinds have had but indifferent attention. Prairie hay is moving but slowly, and leading dealers have found, it almost an impossible task to dispose of all the offerings placed in their hands.—C. H.

### SOUTH DAKOTA.

Garretson, S. D.—The Thorpe Eltr. Co., of Minneapolis, will build an eltr.

Lyons, S. D.—The Farmers Eltr. Co. has been organized and will build an eltr. Big Stone City, S. D.—S. R. Gold, senior member of Gold & Co., died recently.

Peever, S. D.—The Independent Eltr. Co. has purchased the eltr. of the Empire Eltr. Co.

Viborg, S. D.—The New London Mill Co., of New London, Minn., will build a grain eltr. and flour mill.

Colton, S. D.—J. C. Schmidt has taken possession of the eltr. which he recently purchased from Chas. Hill.

Fairfax, S. D.—A 20,000-bu. eltr. is being built for Torrence Bros., of Tabor, by the Younglove Construction Co.

The Eagle Roller Mill Co., of New Ulm, Minn., contemplates the erection of 8 eltrs., each having capacity for 40,000 bus., at different points in So. Dakota.

Bridgewater, S. D.—Mike Wollman has purchased the eltr. of the Huntting Eltr. Co. instead of the eltr. of Geo. H. Shanard, as recently reported in this column.

### SOUTHEAST.

North Carolina has enacted a strong anti-bucket-shop law.

Higgston, Ga.—The grain warehouse, store and office of J. J. Cummings & Co. burned Mar. 1. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$3,500.

The Georgia railroad commission has amended the demurrage rules to require the railroad to give shipper notice when consignee neglects to remove his consignment within 3 days after arrival. After notice the shipper is to have 3 days before demurrage will accrue against him.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Atlanta Grain Dealers Assn. has been organized by the wholesale grain dealers and brokers, with A. P. Morgan, pres.; W. L. Fain, 1st vice-pres.; F. P. H. Akers, 2d vice-pres.; A. C. Woolley, sec.-treas. The assn. will arbitrate trade differences, and give buyer and seller mutual protection.

### TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn.—J. B. McLemore will build a 15,000-bu. eltr. and an 8-story warehouse in West Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn.—The senate bill to regulate demurrage and delayage was rejected on third reading Mar. 21.

Columbia, Tenn.—The Webster-Lock Milling Co. incorporated, \$15,000 capital stock. The new company will build a 50,000-bu. eltr. and mill.

Memphis, Tenn.—Harsh Bros. & Co., of Nashville, have opened a branch in Memphis with Geo. Harsh in charge. Mr. Harsh will join the Memphis Grain & Hay Assn.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Memphis Freight Bureau adopted resolutions Mar. 8 thanking the Frisco road for its action in reducing rates on grain and grain products to the Carolinas.

Memphis, Tenn.—The south wall of the building occupied by Shanks, Phillips & Co., which was recently condemned by the city building inspector, is being replaced by a wall which will meet all requirements and cost about \$9,000.

Nashville, Tenn.—It is believed that the movement of the insurance companies to make an arbitrary advance of 25 per cent in rates will be checked as the result of the hearing being conducted by the insurance committee of the legislature with a view to enacting suitable regulations.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Southeastern Millers Assn, held its monthly meeting Mar. 15 at the Maxwell house. J. Allen Smith of Knoxville, W. A. Dale of Columbia, and Secy. W. R. Donnelly were appointed a committee to draft a bill which the legislature will be asked to enact into law prohibiting the sale of adulterated mill feed.

Nashville, Tenn.—Mr. Dickens has introduced in the Tennessee house a bill to repeal the act making it unlawful to use for determining the weight, grade, milling or market value of wheat any measure other than the standard half bu measure. This bill deserves the support of the grain trade, as the buyer shud have the right to test the grain in his own manner.

Nashville, Tenn.—A committee appointed by the Nashville Grain Dealers Assn. met Mar. 21 to discuss the question of giving a corn exhibition. Most of the members seemed to be in favor of the project but no decision could be arrived at and the matter was postponed to the call of the chairman, W. J. Miller. The committee is composed of Mr. Miller, Murray Hogan, S. G. Douglas, J. H. Potter and Casewell E. Rose.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Memphis Freight Bureau, whose two bills regarding demurrage failed of enactment by the legislature, has prepared another bill which will be pushed, to amend the act creating a railroad commission to give the commission power to establish car service rules and demurrage charges, and to enforce proper regulations. The new bill has been unanimously approved by the Merchants Exchange.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Memphis Grain & Hay Dealers Assn. gave a banquet Mar. 7 to C. C. Cameron, general freight agt. of the southern lines of the I. C. Ry., at the Gayoso, when many of the prominent grain and hay dealers were present as well as officials of railroads centering at Memphis. Chas. D. Jones, pres. of the assn., responded to the toast, "The Grain and Hay Dealers," and was followed by officials of the different roads and N. L. Graves, secy. of the Merchants Exchange.

### TEXAS.

Temple, Tex.—The Werkheiser-Polk Milling Co. is building 2 steel storage grain tanks, which have a capacity of 50,000 bu, each.

When do shipments to some mills always hold out, while shipments from the same eltr. to other mills always run short of shippers' weights?

Austin, Tex.—The state railroad commission on Mar. 21 considered the matter of making the rates on cowpeas in carload lots the same as those on wheat.

Troy, Tex.—W. D. Maedgan & Sons have succeeded the Garret-Maedgan Grain Co., R. N. Garret having sold his interest and retired on account of ill health.

The new glucose plant of the Goyer Alliance Refining Co., at Belle Alliance. La., will consume 10,000 bus. of corn daily and provide an excellent market for Texas corn from Jan. 1 to Oct. 15.

Weatherford, Tex.—Secy. H. B. Dorsey of the Texas Grain Dealers Assn., is writing the leading newspapers to urge the growing of corn to supply the new glucose works at Belle Alliance, La., which will consume 10,000 bus, daily.

Fort Worth, Tex.—The construction of a grain storage eltr. of 400,000-bu. capacity is being considered by Noah Harding, cashier of the Fort Worth National Bank, and Ben O. Smith, cashier of the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank.

Houston, Tex.—The contract for building the rice mill for the Texas Rice Mills have been awarded and also the contract for the machinery, which has been given to the Nordyke & Marmon Co. The mill will cost \$25,000 and the machinery \$20,000.

Houston, Tex.—A. J. Morriss, who is a member of the firm of O. P. Jackson & Co., grain, hay and feed dealers, has resigned his position as claim agt. for the Southern Pacific and will devote his time to the grain business, which has increased to such an extent that it is impossible for him to attend to other business

### TEXAS LETTER.

Roscoe, Tex.—White & Son is the name of a new firm in the grain business at this point.

Decatur, Tex.—M. D. Sellers has sold his grain business to W. E. Douglas, who will continue the business.

Everyone coming in contact with the the farmers at this time is urging them to plant corn and cut down their acreage in cotton, and while many of the farmers have stated that they will reduce the acreage of cotton it is safe to say that there are enough other farmers who will increase their cotton acreage to make it about even with last season, but nevertheless the grain acreage will be increased to a good extent. Some of the farmers feel that there is to be a general reduction in cotton acreage and for that reason they will plant more and get the benefit of the increased price and it is now probable that the acreage of cotton will be about the same as heretofore.—J. S. W.

### WASHINGTON.

Pullman, Wash.—The Pacific Grain Co., recently incorporated, will build a cereal mill.

Spokane, Wash.—The Washington Grain & Milling Co. is building a 2-story

addition, 50x130 ft., to its warehouse. It will cost about \$10,000 and is expected to be completed in 2 months.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Local grain dealers are preparing to complain to the Interstate Commerce Commission against the discrimination by the O. R. & N. Co. in charging 10 cents per 100 more on shipments from all points south of Winona Junction.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

Creston, Wash.—The Creston Roller Mill is closing down. Mgr. Fred L. Watson is much the heaviest loser.

Palouse, Wash.—A 100-brl. flour mill is to be erected here by Dr. J. M. Risely and W. F. Smith, both of this city.

Colville, Wash.—Lasswell Bros. will begin the erection of a 100-brl. flour mill at this place not later than Apr. 1.

Walla, Walla, Wash.—At the present rate at which applications are being filed for penitentiary grain bags, the demand will crowd the supply very closely, although the institution will manufacture as many sacks as were produced last year. The average output at the present time will average from 4,500 to 5,000 sacks per day. Fourteen million bags are used annually in this state, 1,250,000 of which are made by the prison plant.

Spokane, Wash.—The Kerr-Gifford Co. recently purchased 67,000 bus. of wheat. All of the wheat purchased was club. These sales practically clean up the large lots of club wheat in the county, and practically all of any variety on the O. R. & N. lines. Sales of wheat for the season in this district have closed, but shipping is more active than for a long time. The large grain companies, which have been buying continuously thru the winter are beginning to throw their purchases on the eastern markets and the demand for cars is almost as great as earlier in the winter. Some grain is going to the Sound and to Portland, but the greater part is destined for eastern markets.—M.

### WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee, Wis.—H. A. Smith, formerly with the C. C. Rogers Co., is operating as a broker on his own account.

Glenwood, Wis.—H. D. Ballard, who represents the Northern Grain Co. in his section, will soon move from here to Menomonie

Madison, Wis.—The legislature is considering a bill to restrict the use of the deadly corn shredder and to require operators to protect the feeders with safety devices.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Chas. A. Krause Grain Co. has removed its offices in the Mitchell building to rooms 49 to 52 inclusive, which gives the firm a larger and more commodious location.

Madison, Wis.—Strong pleas for the enactment of the railroad commission bill were made Mar. 8 before the legislative joint committee by F. H. Madgeburg and E. P. Bacon of Milwaukee.

It is said that State Insurance Commissioner Host will proceed against the Great Northern Railway for issuing insurance on grain in eltrs. at Superior, Wis., without having been incorporated in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The resignation of G. C. Julius Spoerri as secy. of the Wis-

consin Grain Dealers Assn, was accepted at a special session of the board of managers Mar. 9. The board extended to Mr. Spoerri a vote of thanks for the work he has accomplished for the assn, and wish him success in his new enterprise, the cash grain business. The board has elected Merton H. Potter as secy, and treas. Mr. Potter has a practical knowledge of railroad work and the grain business and shud prove a valuable aid to the

Madison, Wis.—The Hudnall grain inspection bill provides for the appointment of a commission to supervise the inspection and weighing of all grain at Superior, Wis. The commission is to be composed of three members, one appointed by Wisconsin, one by North Dakota, and one by New York. The fees for inspection \$1, and for weighing, 50 cents, per car, are to go toward paying the salaries of the commissioners. North Dakota has voted to increase the salary of the commissioner from that state from \$1,200 to \$1,500. The law will become effective July 31.

### MILWAUKEE LETTER. \*

L. Bartlett & Son Co. have filed articles increasing their capital stock from \$30,000 to \$62,000.

The wheat, corn and oats markets are without any change worthy of note. Rye is now the most active grain on the list, and competition between the millers, distillers and shippers keeps prices up.

The grain commission house of Lindman & Co., Chicago, which has been trading on this board for some time past, will cease operations here, owing to the paucity of orders now being received.

Frank Barry has been engaged by E. P. Bacon to take up the correspondence work in behalf of I. S. Com. Law legislation which has thus far been conducted by his secretary, Mr. Tucker, recently resigned to enter the manufacturing field.

H. J. Pauly, this city, who has provided room for many a cargo of grain down the lakes, has bot the S. S. Harlem. She went ashore in Georgian Bay last Dec. and on that account sold for about half of her original value but can be readily repaired.

Much interest is excited here by the report that the La Follette R. R. Com'n bill has been taken bodily and introduced in the Minnesota legislature by Rep. Ware of that state, but it does not appear what is proposed to be done with the present Minn. R. R. & W. H. Com'n.

"There will be over twenty new boats this summer, each carrying over 9,000 cons," said Capt. D. P. Craine, of the G. A. Tomlinson Co., Duluth. "Most of them will sail up the lakes to Duluth. Milwaukee has a good harbor, but I think Duluth will be the largest city on the lakes."

Alfred Pearce, agent of the Milwaukee Lake Seamen's Union, who has just been chosen for another year, states that about sixty of the large carriers now in the harbor will be ready to leave early in April, when it is thot the season will open. Twenty-four more are preparing to get away a little later.

Buyers of barley are very indifferent about taking samples unless sellers will meet the prices which they offer, but, with present light receipts, the market is in a healthy condition, and a revival of trade may be looked for as soon as the

spring movement starts in. Choice heavy samples are in the best demand, but there is a fair inquiry for all kinds.

Pres. Earling, of the Milw. road, who is in the city, states that the company has decided to build 3,000 new freight cars to meet the growing demands of traffic. He decrys as nonsense the reiterated report that extensions and improvements to Wis. lines will be stopped because of adverse state legislation. Accompanying Mr. Earling are W. G. and Percy Rockefeller, who will make a tour of inspection with him.

In his annual report R. R. Commissioner John Thomas says that 109 complaints against the R. R. Co's. have been made to him during the year, but that the larger number were settled without serious difficulty. Mr. Thomas has shown very clearly in more than a few cases that his forte is arbitrament, but he also hits hard when he has occasion to do so

Important news to patrons of the car ferry lines is the announcement that the Pere Marquette Co. will put its boats on a time schedule shortly, both here and at Manitowoc. The rapid growth of this class of traffic, which has been simply marvelous, is causing the lake and rail lines to put forth every effort to give the best service possible, and the result is very noticeable upon the business of this port.

"Put this key in my coffin when I die, and I'll let the boys all in," said Archie McFayden, the veteran doorkeeper of the Chamber of Commerce, as he brot from out his pocket an old brass key with half its bow broken off. The relic has been in his possession for 38 years, and is one of the few mementos of the time when

Milwaukee was building up the mart that later became the greatest primary receiving point for wheat in the world,

### M. H. Potter.

The old secretary of the Wisconsin Grain Dealers Assn. having resigned that position, it became incumbent upon the directors to select a successor. After carefully canvassing the field, they succeeded in securing the services of Merton H. Potter, whose portrait is given herewith.

Mr. Potter is a hustling, progressive young man, and no doubt will put ginger into the work. He served a number of years with the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., and gained a thorough knowledge of the details of railroad work. Severing his connection with that company, he accepted a position as office manager for the Mueller-Young Grain Co., where for nearly two years he gave his attention to claims and traffic work. Later he accepted a more lucrative position with the Northern Grain Co. as traveling representative.

Having attained success in each of the different lines of work he has undertaken, he seems certain of bringing about the same results for the Wisconsin Shippers Assn. The regular shippers of that state are now beginning to appreciate the advantages of working together for the promotion of common trade interests, and no doubt with the nucleus already attained the organization will soon attain a membership in keeping with that attained by other state assns. It is directly to the business interests of the grain dealers of Wisconsin to give their new secretary their hearty and earnest support.



M. H. Potter, Sec'y Wisconsin Ass'n.

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## Crop Reports

Vernon, Tex., Mar. 17.—Prospects are good for a bumper crop.—H. K. Greever.

LaRue, O., Mar. 21.—Light acrewheat sown but outlook is fair.-Johnston.

Schoolcraft, Mich., Mar. 14.—The condition of the growing wheat is excellent so far.—W. J. Thomas & Co.

Industry, Ia., Mar. 14.—The bulk of the grain here is sold and very little left in the farmers' hands.—X. X.

Tuttle, Ind. Ter., Mar. 10.—Wheat in this locality is looking good. Having plenty of rain.—G. Mell, of Mell & Cole.

Vienna, Ill., Mar. 18.—The growing wheat s looking well, but acreage is under the verage.—Vienna & Belknap Eltr. Co.

Dupont, Ind., Mar. 22.—Acreage about 5 per cent more than last year in this vicinity. The condition now is fine.—G. W. Graston.

Benkelman, Neb., Mar. 20.—The fall wheat is looking fine. The acreage for spring wheat will be larger than last year. —Robidoux Bros.

Avard, Okla., Mar. 19.—There is very little wheat left in this part of the country, but the prospect is fine for this year's crop.—F. A. Lovell.

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Blue Springs, Neb., Mar. 20.—The conditions for wheat in this section have been encouraging this spring, so that wheat looks promising now.—Wm. Craig.

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 21.—Winter wheat in Nebraska is looking fine, except in a few localities where it was damaged in the fall by the Hessian fly.—Geo. A. Roberts.

Grafton, N. D., Mar. 18.—The crop of 1904 is nearly all marketed. Seeding will begin in about 2 weeks. This section of the country is all spring wheat.—M. W. Hostetter.

Perrysville, O., Mar. 18.—The outlook for winter wheat is not encouraging, as the plant got a very poor start last fall. On account of the drouth the fly is in the wheat in abundance.—J. F. Jones.

Bushnell, Ill., Mar. 8.—I think we have as little corn in the country as we have had for a good many years. May wheat is a fancy deal and the future July and Sept., if nothing happens, will be a sell.—S. A. Hendee.

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Okeene, Okla., Mar. 20.—The acreage of wheat is about 99 per cent of last year's crop. The prospects are the best in years. Quite a little oid wheat in farmers' hands in Blaine county.—Edw. Broom, mgr. Okeene Roller Mills Co.

Montmorenci, Ind.; Mar. 14.—Have had good roads mest of the winter, which put quite a lot of corn on the market. Since snow fell the movement has been light sown.—Taylor Grain Co.

Hayraid S. D. Mar. 21.—Llook for a his-

sown.—Taylor Grain Co.

Herreid, S. D., Mar. 21.—I look for a bigger acreage of all kinds of small grain this year. The black rust did considerable damage to our crops last year, but not so much as in other places. About ¼ of our wheat graded No. 1 northern.—O. A. Olsen.

Harrington, Wash., Mar. 20.—The acreage in wheat this year will be much more than last, and it is thought that the chances for a big crop are good, the recent rains having dampened the ground to a depth that will not dry out for some time.—M. E.

Rawson. O., Mar. 21.—The acreage for

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Rawson, O., Mar. 21.—The acreage for wheat this year is not so much as last year; about 4, but it looks fine so far. The oat crop will be large in acreage if weather permits putting out. Corn on hand by farmers at present is not enough to feed.—C. B. Crist.

Belle Plaine, Kan., Mar. 20.—Wheat is in fine condition with lots of damp weather. Never had a better showing for wheat in March. Only about 70 head of cattle feeding in our locality. Some old wheat in green.—Alex. Knott.

Salina, Kan., Mar. 22.—Acreage sown to wheat in this county about the same as

last year. Condition never better at this time of year. Indications are that none will be plowed up; and as yet no complaints from farmers from any source,—Lee-Warren Milling Co.

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Dunreith. Ind., Mar. 22.—Very small crop of wheat sown; not more than 15 per cent of a crop. Plant looks well; conditions favorable. A large crop of oats will be sown. Corn selling among farmers at 50 cents per bu. Some plowing being done.—W. L. Wright, mgr. E. A. Grubbs Grain Co.

Rydal, Kan., Mar. 22.—We had about 20 bus, of corn per acre for this county; about 50 per cent of it yet in farmers' shands. Wheat acreage about 50 per cent of last year, and prospects never better than they are now. About 25 per cent of 1904 wheat crop in farmers' hands.—Bert Alnsworth.

Okeene, Okla., Mar. 20.—Wheat looks good, altho a little backward on account of so much cold weather. Acreage between 20 and 25 per cent larger than last year. No wheat in farmers' hands to speak of. There will be a fair acreage of corn planted again this year.—T. M. Connolly & Co.

Norcatur, Kan., Mar. 10.—Our crop of wheat this year, as compared with previous crops in acres sown, is 100 per cent and the crop condition never was better. The ground is in fine condition, and all growing crops look fine. Oats are being sown rapidly.—D. R. Meek, agt. Central

Natoma, Kan., Mar. 8.—The acreage of wheat is about the same as last season. Condition good where there is a good stand. Some do not have a good stand on account of sowing light wheat. No reports from any source of damage done by freezing or insects.—Henry Schlot, agt. C. Hoffman & Son.

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Columbia City, Ind., Mar. 18.—The prospect for a good crop of wheat was never better than now in this vicinity, altho the acreage is less than in other years. There has been but little rain, but an abundance of snow, and now it is growing warmer and springilke, and the wheat looks well and is all right.—W. H. Liggett.

Moffitt, O., Mar. 14.—This is a good wheat and corn growing locality, first class for Ohio. The acreage sown last fall to wheat was about an average. The present condition is fair. Average yield about 20 bus, per acre.—The corn acreage planted this season will be about an average; yield about 35 bus, per acre on an average. Oats will be an average acreage; the yield about 40 bus, per acre.—V. R. Whittier, agt. H. W. Devore & Co.
Portsmouth, O., Mar, 18.—Wheat coming from under snow in nice shape and looking promising. Corn in farmers' hands is about 50 per cent. Not so much demand for wheat or corn. Mills generally reporting slow sales. With improved weather may be able to notice some increase in business.—A. M. Frick, mgr. Portsmouth Cereal Co.,
Fennimore, Wis., Mar, 18.—There is a large amount of oats in this section which

some increase in business.—A. M. Frick, mgr. Portsmouth Cereal Co.,
Fennimore, Wis., Mar. 18.—There is a large amount of oats in this section which will be marketed as soon as the crop is in. Corn, however, is well fed out and very little is offered on our market; what there is, is of poor quality. Hay is also short and a large amount is being shipped in, mostly Nebraska wild hay, for which there is ready sale. Feed barley is also shipped in.—Wm. Zimmerman.

Broken Bow, Neb., Mar. 22.—Winter wheat could not look better at this time of year, acreage about one-third larger than last year. I look for small acreage of spring wheat, as seed is so high, farmers won't plant much. Corn acreage will be larger than last year. About 60 per cent of the old corn in farmers' hands, but I think it will be mostly fed to stock.—S. J. Lonergan, mgr. Broken Bow Roller Mill.

Mill.

Prospect, O., Mar. 23.—The acreage of wheat sown in our community last fall was about 90 per cent of an average crop, and the condition at the present time is good, as the wheat has not been winter killed, on account of a fine snow covering during the cold months of the winter. About 20 per cent of the last crop in farmers' hands yet, also about 25 per cent of the oats crop in farmers' hands, with only about 10 to 15 per cent of corn; but not much corn to sell, as the feeders will take it about all.—Union Mill.

Colfax Wash. Mar. 20.—Spring seeding

Colfax, Wash., Mar. 20.—Spring seeding s farther advanced in Whitman county han for many years at this season, and

if weather conditions are favorable, an unusually large acreage will be planted to spring wheat and the bulk of the crop will be in the ground before the first of April. It is estimated that over 65 per cent of the crop in the western half of the county has been sown. In only a few localities has winter wheat been injured by cold weather. The grain in most places is several inches high and stands well on the ground.—M. C.

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erai inches high and stands well on the ground.—M. C.

Dallas, Tex., Mar. 20.—It is the general opinion that the Texas crop of wheat will be greatly increased this season over last, as it is a safe estimate to say that the acreage is fully ten percent greater than last season. A good indication of the situation is the fact that the harvester people state that they have sold to this time more than double the amount of twine more than double the amount of twine they sold altogether last season, and that the prospects are that the sales in total will be much greater than even what they are now. This is possibly the best indication of the grain situation, as this is authoritative of what the country merchants think of the situation.—J. S. W.

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Dallas. Tex. Mar. 20.—C. L. Moss, a prominent grain dealer, speaking of the crop situation, says, "Everything as far as the wheat crop is concerned is looking all right, the wheat has made a good stand, and the acreage is larger than the average. The fields are all green and generally I consider the situation bright for, a good crop of wheat this season. All the winter oats were killed out by the cold, but there has been a good crop of spring oats planted, and this coming up immediately has made a good stand, and the chances are favorable for a fair average crop of oats. Corn planting has just commenced and the farmers are rushing this work, and if there is favorable weather they will get this crop planted in good time for a good crop."—J. S. W.
Toledo, O., Mar. 22.—The growing wheat crop thruout this section has wintered well. In fact, for this time of the year, its condition is far better than for several years. While the fields presented a brownish appearance up to a short time ago, now they are beginning to show up green. Jas. Hodge, of the United Grain Co., which controls 88 eitrs. thruout this section, says: "I have yet to hear of a single instance where the crop has undergone any damage from the winter. The condition of the crop is much better than had been expected it would be, and the crop right now is much better than it has been for years. The acreage is considerably larger than last season, and, if the weather is favorable from now on, the yield will be large.—H. D.
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than last season, and, if the weather is favorable from now on, the yield will be large.—H. D.

Waitsburg, Wash... Mar. 20.—The grain report for the year 1904 for this (Walla Walla) county, has been completed. The wheat crop for 1904 was 5,000,000 bushels, all being good, merchantable wheat. The oat crop was 30,000 bushels, weighing on an average 32 pounds to the bushel. The barley crop was 200,700 bushels of first-class quality, with an average yield of 40 bushels to the acre. It is estimated that about 25 per cent of the 1904 wheat crop remains in the hands of the farmers, and that about 25 per cent will be consumed within the county. The wheat growing has been frozen out by cold weather over the northwestern section of this county, which comprises about one-third of the tillable land. About eight to ten per cent of the area sown last fall will be reseeded. Over the whole county, from four to five per cent will have to be reseeded. A close inspection reveals much less damage than was at first reported.—M. E.

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 21.—Two weeks ago there was some anxiety as to what March was going to do with the wheat plant. There is no longer any cause for uneasiness; March has been kind, and with litle or no "freezing and thawing," but plenty of moisture, wheat has nothing to do but to grow. If there is any fly in the wheat in-Pennsylvania and Maryland it has not been reported, and so far as general observation goes in both states there is no evidence of insect work. Late seeding accounts for this in a great measure, and because of the favorable winter and spring, the plant is as forward as could be expected and much stronger than usually results from early seeding. The frost is out of the ground and it would be most remarkable to have damaging weather after this date, and with more than ordinary moisture in the ground the plant is practically safe against drylng winds or unseasonable hot weather before heading time.—B. M.

## Grain Carriers

The Canadian Pacific has projected an extension from London to Sarnia, Ont.

The Baltimore & Ohio's recent big car order includes 2,000 box cars of 80,000 pounds capacity.

Advices from the Soo are that navigation will open late. On Mar. 16 no open water was in sight.

Canada has abolished the steamboat inspection tax on U. S. steamers sailing to and from Canadian ports.

The Calgary, Red Deer & Battleford Ry. Co. has been incorporated to build from Calgary, N. W. T., to Battleford.

Work is to begin at once on the 55-mile extension of the Northern Pacific from Denhoff west to Coal Harbor, N. D.

Senator Allison says that President Roosevelt will call an extra session of congress Oct. I to consider the railway rate question.

Talk of constructing the Toledo, Marshall & Northern, 200 miles in length, between Montpelier, O., and Bay City, Mich., has revived.

Congress has appropriated \$10,000 for a celebration in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the first canal at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The Lake Carriers Assn. and the rail-roads have agreed on differentials between all rail and lake and rail rates for the coming season on classified freight.

The Missouri legislature has passed the Dickinson bill giving shippers right to bring suit against each of the connecting carriers when a shipment has been damaged.

The Northern Pacific is said to have bot the Columbia River & Northern Railway, 46 miles in length between Lyle and Goldendale, Wash., which operates 4 steamboats.

The Lake Transit Co. has been incorporated at Duluth, Minn. The capital stock is \$500,000, and the incorporators are C. A. Tomlinson, E. H. Eddy and M. H. Stanford.

Traffic officials have held meetings at Chicago recently in an endeavor to adjust rates from Iowa points to the satisfaction of the Chicago and Minneapolis grain receivers.

Chairman Elkins has announced that the senate committee on interstate commerce will first take up the right of Congress to delegate power to fix rates and the effect on equalizations and differentials now existing.

The Kansas City Southern Railroad has appealed to the Supreme Court of Kansas from the decision in the case of Fields & Slaughter who brot suit to recover a rebate of several cents per bu. on 500 cars of corn shipped in 1901.

It is rumored that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul will build west from Evarts and Chamberlain, S. D. The company is said to be interested in the White River Valley Railway Co., recently incorporated, to build thru from Deadwood to Chamberlain.

In the examination of the freight auditor of the Santa Fe by the attorney general of Kansas in the rebate investigation recently it was learned that the road in 1902 paid back to shippers \$1,108,000. The railroad company claims these payments were refunds of overcharges.

The Great Northern Ry, recently gave the steel trust a rate of 20 cents on 15,000 tons of steel rails from Chicago to Seattle, when the average rate on all traffic is about 60 cents. In order to make up the loss on this low rate of only 1.78 mills per ton mile the Great Northern is levying exorbitant charges on grain traffic.

The uniform bill of lading committee of the Trunk Line Assn. has promised representatives of the shippers assns. to withdraw the objectionable uniform bill of lading; and the shippers representatives have agreed to postpone indefinitely further proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the consent of the Commission.

Western roads have just settled the grain differential between Chicago and Peoria. The rate from Iowa and Missouri river points to Peoria shall be 1½-zents less a hundred pounds than the rate to Chicago. This differential in favor of Peoria is made to equalize the through rates via the various gateways to the Atlantic coast.

The Lake Carriers Assn. has settled with all labor unions except the firemen, with whom a meeting is soon to be held, at which a satisfactory agreement is expected. The new Lake Pilots Assn. has enrolled 70 per cent of the mates on the great lakes. The Lumber Carriers Assn. has recently made an agreement with the Seamen's Union and the Cooks' Union.

To discover a better adjustment of competitive rates east and south a committee composed of Vice-Pres. Hiland of the St. Paul, Freight Traffic Mgr. Gorman of the Santa Fe, and Freight Traffic Mgr. Stith of the Missouri Pacific, has been appointed to investigate the grain business. An agent of one of the western roads is now gathering data regarding the grain export trade at all the ports for the committee.

Judge Cole, who was one of the associate counsel in the hay classification case before the Interstate Commerce Commission, died unexpectedly, Mar. 17, of pneumonia. Charles Cleaves Cole was for 8 years an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Born in Maine, he early removed to West Virginia, and since 1878 has resided at Washington, where he gained a reputation as a jurist.

A Texas court has given a shipper judgment for damages on account of unreasonable freight rates, under the English common law. The Abilene Cotton Oil Co. was charged 65 cents on cottonseed from Cottonport, La., to Abilene, when the sum of the locals from Cottonport to Alexandria and Alexandria to Abilene was 35 cents less. The lower court held that the business was interstate and not subject to revision by the state court. The Court of Civil Appeals at Fort Worth reversed this Feb. 25, quoting an opinion by the Supreme Court of the U. S. that the common law is operative upon all interstate commercial transactions, except so far as they are modified by congressional action.

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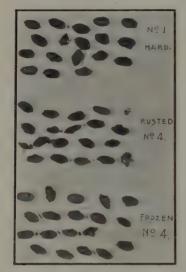
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# Germinating Power of Rusted Wheat.

The many discussions of the advisability of using rusted wheat from last year's spring wheat crop for seed has brought out much of interest and value to the seed trade, but the practical ex-



Average Samples of the Three Most Interesting Grades Used in Test.

periments conducted by the Nor'-West Farmer of Winnipeg are of far more value than argument.

After obtaining representative samples of rusted and other grades of wheat with a view of making comparative tests of the germinating vigor of the off grade, the samples were divided into three different parts, one sent to Seed Commissioner Clark at Ottawa, one to Dr. Wm. Saunders, Director of the Experimental station at Ottawa, and the remainder was used in conducting tests in a hothouse at Winnipeg under the supervision of James Murray, the western representative of the government seed division.

These samples included I Hard, I, 2 and 3 Northern No. 4 and 5, all taken from average samples of different grades, also samples of wheat that had been graded No. 4 by reason of damage by frost, which are typical representatives of the low grades of wheat from last year's crop in western Canada.

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year's crop in western Canada.

The Winnipeg tests were made in rich loam soil in one of the city's greenhouses, the seed being planted about one-half inch deep and surrounded by all conditions favorable to growth. The percentage of germination from the lower grades was considerably below that of the high grades. Plants from the lower grade seed were not of so vigorous a growth as plants from the high grade. They were shorter and not so thick near the ground and were surpassed in the breadth of the leaves.

Average plants grown from No. I hard

hreadth of the leaves.

Average plants grown from No. I hard and No. 4 rusted were fotografed and are illustrated herewith. Some of the plants were allowed to attain a height of three or four inches when they were put outside on a cold day and frozen down. Some time after these plants were frozen down they were again fotografed to show

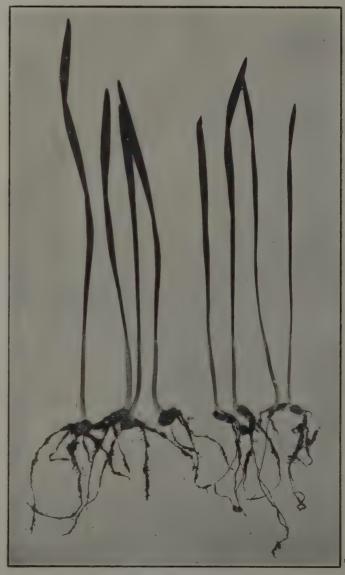
the second growth. The object in freezing the plants was to destroy the leaf growth and thus prevent the plants for a time from feeding on the elements taken from the air, and throwing it back upon the sort of feed contained in the seed just as it would if field conditions were not entirely favorable to its growth. The early growth of grain depends largely upon the amount of nourishment that can be drawn from the seed. This is why plump, heavy seed is preferable. At this stage of the experiments the plants were attacked by hot-house fungus, but they had been carried far enuf to give some idea of the vitality of the wheat plant, and the damping off fungus killed off the plants from the poor seed more rapidly than those from the No. 1 Hard and the No. 1 Northern.

Average samples of the three most interesting grades used in the test are also shown in the engraving given herewith. An examination of the grains from which the plants grew made it plain that the supply of starch in the rusted wheat grains was practically all drawn out very early in the life of the plant, while part of it remained in the sound wheat, even when the fungus put an end to the experiments.

Altho the sample of frozen wheat was a heavy, plump grain, apparently worth twice as much for seed as the rusted grain, the growth of the plants did not prove it to be superior to the rusted

seed

The reports of Seed Commissioner Clark and Dr. Saunders were averse to the use of rusted grain for seed. As the



Plants Before Freezing Down.

The four on the left are grown from No. 1 hard; the four on the right from Rusted No. 4. Note the difference in stoutness of stem and width of leaf blade.

result of the different experiments, the following general conclusions were rived at:

Badly rusted wheat may contain almost, if not quite, as high a percentage of live germs as sound wheat.

Under the most favorable conditions

Under the most tavorable conditions the early growth from rusted wheat may not be very noticeably inferior to that made from sound seed.

Under comparatively adverse conditions (such as may be encountered in outdoor growth during a backward spring), rusted wheat would prove decidedly inferior to sound seed. edly inferior to sound seed.

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Gross or net?"-Brooklyn Life.

### Time and Place of National Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Grain Dealers National Assn. met in Chicago, March 21st, and decided to hold the 1905 meeting of the association in Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 2nd and 3rd.
Those in attendance were Pres. R. B. Schneider, Fremont, Nebr.; J. A. King, Nevada, Ia.; H. S. Grimes, Portsmouth, O.; S. S. Tanner, Minier, Ill.; T. J. Stafer, Ruffalo: Thos. F. Torrison, Mani-

Stofer, Buffalo; Thos. E. Torrison, Manitowoc; D. Hunter, Hamburg, Ia.; W. E. Shelden, Jackson, Mich., and C. B. Riley, Indianapolis, Ind.

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# Supreme Court Decisions

Where an award was made, signed and delivered by arbitrators, their authority was terminated, and they had no jurisdiction to reopen the case and make a new award without the consent of both parties.—Brown v. Durham. St. Louis Court of Appeals, Missouri. 85 S. W. 120.

The measure of damages for the conversion of a consignment of property by the carrier at the point of destination is the value of the property at that place. less the freight charges.—M., K. & T. Ry. Co. of Texas v. C. H. Rines & Co. Court of Civil Appeals of Texas. 84 S. W. 1092.

In an action against a carrier for damages to property transported the shipper cannot set up a special contract and recover on an implied one, nor can he rely on a parol agreement and recover on proof of a written contract.—Evansville & T. H. R. Co. v. McKinney. Appellate Court of Indiana. 73 N. E. 148.

Where plaintiff's offer to sell lumber at

Where plaintiff's offer to sell lumber at \$35 per thousand was negligently transmitted by defendant telegraph company, so as to read \$25, and was accepted and the lumber furnished by plaintiff without knowledge of the mistake, he was entitled to recover from the telegraph company for the resulting damage.—Fisher v. West. U. Tel. Co. Court of Appeals of Kentucky. 84 S. W. 1179.

An assignee of a nonnegotiable bill of lading takes title to the goods represented by the bill, subject only to the equities of those whose names appear upon or are in some way connected with the bill, and is not affected by equities existing in favor of strangers whose interest in no way appears upon it—National Bank of Bristol v. B. & O. R. Co. Court of Appeals of Maryland. 59 Atl. 134.

Where a carrier had no notice that a

Where a carrier had no notice that a delay in the delivery of the goods shipped by plaintiff to his order would result in any unusual or special damage, the measure of damages for the delay was the difference between the market value when the goods should have been delivered and when they were delivered.—R. A. Lee & Co. v. St. Louis, I. M. & S. R. Co. Supreme Court of North Carolina. 48 S. E.

A bucket shop which accepted a margin to cover a short sale of stock to a third party, who took the long side of the deal, and who finally paid to the bucket shop for the seller the difference between the market and sale price of the stock, acted merely as agent of the seller and buyer, and was not a principal in the illegal wagering transaction.—Overholt v. Burbridge. Supreme Court of Utah. 79 Pac. 561.

That part of Rev. St. 1883, c. 51, Sec. 64, as amended by chapter 79, p. 77, Pub. Laws 1895, giving to the railroad company the benefit of any insurance effected by the owner on property injured by fire communicated by a locomotive engine, is limited in its application to those cases in which the liability of the railroad corporation is created by that section and not by its own negligent act.—Dyer v. Maine Cent. R. Co. Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. 58 Atl. 994.

Where, by the terms of a bill of lading, each connecting carrier was only responsible for the damage occurring on its road, and it was uncontradicted that the goods were in good condition when delivered to the carrier at the point of shipment, and were in a damaged condition on arrival at destination, such facts established a prima facie case against the last carrier.—Gulf, C. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. H. B. Pitts & Son. Court of Civil Appeals of Texas. 83 S. W. 727.

Where a broker forwarded all buying and selling orders to a corporation, he receiving a portion of the commissions charged, and as between the broker and his customers the dealings were in the broker's own name, and as between him and the corporation in his own name, in an action by the broker against the corporation to recover on transactions, the customers of the broker were not necessary parties.—Stripling v. Maguire. St. Louis Court of Appeals, Missouri. 84 S. W. 164.

D. H. Stuhr, while manager of the D. H. Stuhr & Son Grain Co., of Davenport. Ia., hired one Reupke as grain solicitor for the company for one year from Aug. 15, 1002. The company discharged Stuhr. Reupke stated to another employe of the company that he should stand by the manager. Stuhr. The company also discharged Reupke. The latter brot suit to recover compensation for personal services, and the verdict in his favor by the jury has been affirmed by the Supreme Court of Iowa, upon evidence that it was customary to hire grain solicitors by the year and that Stuhr was the only one authorized and had sole management of the business.—102 N. W. 509.

One operating a gasoline engine near a highway need not adopt any particular method of muffling the sound of the exhaust, as the question is one of negligence. On the question of negligence in the operation of a gasoline engine near a highway, the method used for muffling the sound of the exhaust, if any, and the sanction which has been made of such method in practical use by others, may be considered. The fact that a device adopted for muffling the sound of the exhaust from a gasoline engine has proved ineffective is not of itself sufficient to establish negligence in the operation of the engine.—Wolf v. Des Moines Elevator Co. Supplemental Opinion on Rehearing. Supreme Court of Iowa. 102 N. W. 517.

When a common carrier has transported goods over its own lines to its terminus, or to the point of intersection with a designated connecting carrier, and is thereby unable to deliver them to the connecting carrier, without any fault upon its part, its duty and hability as a common carrier cease; but the duty still rests upon the carrier, as a forwarder, to exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent unnecessary loss to the goods, and to save unnecessary cost to the owner in storage or transportation. warder should exercise the same degree of care to prevent loss or unnecessary pense that a prudent owner would have in the same situation.—Fisher v. Boston & Maine R. Co. Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. 59 Atl. 532.

The Supreme Court of Idaho has reversed the decision of the District Court in the suit of Thomas C. Wilson against August H. Vogeler, doing business as the Vogeler Seed & Produce Co. at Salt Lake, Utah, to recover \$1,295 damages on

account of alleged failure of Vogeler to deliver 50,000 pounds of alfalfa seed on contract. Vogeler's agent at Idaho Falls, S. H. Martin, telephoned Vogeler at Salt Lake that he had a chance to sell 50,000 pounds of Vogeler's "Purity" brand. Vogeler replied that Martin was not to sell 50,000, but could sell 5,000 pounds at 8 cents, and his conversation was testified to by his bookkeeeper and the stenographer. Next day when Wilson, the buyer, sent the contract for 50,000 with a check for \$125 as forfeit, Vogeler promptly repudiated the 50,000 and returned the check. On the first trial the jury gave Wilson judgment for \$025, but the Supreme Court held that Martin had no authority to sell 50,000.—79 Pac. 508.

The Allen-Holmes Co., Moultrie, Ga., on Jan. 1, 1902, ordered a carload of corn of Henry Heile & Sons, Cincinnati, O. Henry Heile & Sons attached bill of lading to draft and had it discounted by the Farmers & Traders National Bank of Covington, Ky., and Heile's connection with the deal ceased. About Apr. 2, when the corn arrived at Moultrie, the Allen-Holmes Co. declined to accept the corn. Claiming that Henry Heile & Sons owed Allen-Holmes \$545, the latter had an attachment from the city court of Moultrie levied by the sheriff on the car of corn, acting on the theory that the corn was the property of Heile. The bank, which held the bill of lading, and was therefore the actual owner of the corn, brot suit for the value, \$686. The city court dismissed the case, which was in line with its previous action in granting an attachment against the car without giving Heile notice or opportunity to put in an appearance. The Supreme Court of the state reversed the high-handed proceedings of the city court and gave the bank judgment for the full amount.—49 S. E. 816.

How badly we need state and national legislation to compel prompt handling of freight and settlement of shippers' claims within a reasonable time is shown by the at Kansas City in the case of Bernard Loeb against the Wabash Railway Co., for damages on account of delay in unloading a car load of clover seed. as long ago as September, 1897, but the railroad by one device or another has kept the case in the courts for nearly eight years, the question even going to the Supreme Court of the United States, which has not yet given the final decision. The carload of clover seed arrived at Toledo, O., in due time, but was kept on side track in the freight yard for about 25 days before it was unloaded and delivered. The market declined between delivered. The market declined between the time of arrival and unloading, so that Loeb suffered a loss in the sale. Loeb brot suit, and on trial the railroad attorney agreed that if the jury's verdict was in Loeb's favor the damages should be a certain amount, but when the case was absoluted the railroad refused to abide so decided the railroad refused to abide by its own admission of what was just. In transferring the case to the Supreme Court of the United States on Feb. 27, 1905, the Missouri Court said: There is nothing in the contract of affreightment authorizing the defendant to place the plaintiff's car load of seed on a side track in lieu of a delivery at its station or warehouse. The placing of the seed on the side track was not, under the special contract, a delivery at the station or warehouse where such commodities were

usually unloaded and delivered .-- 85 S. W.

J. C. Robinson, seed dealer, of Waterloo, Neb., has lost his suit against Ed. Stricklin, of Gretna, Neb., to recover possession of a quantity of corn grown under a seed contract. Under the contract Stricklin borrowed of Robinson the seed, agreeing to deliver to Robinson's seed house at Waterloo the entire merchantable increase thereof. The contract gave Robinson the right to enter upon the premises and take possession of the corn if not delivered. Stricklin failed to deliver the corn, and Robinson brot an action in replevin in the district court of Sarpy county to recover possession of the crop. One clause in the contract gave Robinson the right to reject any part of the crop that was unmarketable or below a germination test of 85 per cent. This clause made the whole contract void in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Nebraska, which said, in affirming the decision of the lower court against Robinson: The plaintiff, by this contract, did not agree to purchase or to pay for all of the corn grown by the defendant from the seed furnished under the contract. If the larger portion of the crop had been deficient in the qualifications required, which, under the climatic conditions in this state, might well happen in some years, he would have no interest so far in the crop, and no right to insist upon its delivery to him. The general rule is that where anything remains to be done by either or both parties to a contract of sale, before delivery, either to determine the identity of the thing sold, the quantity or the price, the contract, until such things are done, is executory, and the title does not vest in the purchaser. Holmes v. Bailey, 16 Neb, 304, 20 N. W. 304. It is true that the contract recites and the plaintiff argues that the payment to the defendant is to be made for his labor and service in planting and attending the the seed furnished under the contract. If service in planting and attending the crops, but since the evidence shows the plaintiff did not furnish the land upon which the crop was to be grown, and that it was the intention of the parties that it was to be grown upon land leased by the defendant, the contract failed to recite the truth. He was to be paid not for the truth. He was to be paid not for labor alone, but for that which embodies both labor and the energy of the soil and elements—a certain portion of the crop itself. Taken as a whole, the contract is a contract of sale of a certain portion of crops yet to be planted, the portion sold to be identified by means of a certain standard set forth therein. In order to identify the portion sold, the measure and standard specified in the contract must be applied, and it would be impossible to determine to what extent the plaintiff would be liable under the contract to take and pay for the crop until this had been and pay for the crop until this had been done. Manifestly, the contract was executory in its character. It was not the sale of the entire mass of a crop to be grown upon a certain specified tract of land, which has been held by some courts to be an executed contract, and to pass title to the crop, but it was, in effect, a sale of a certain portion of a crop yet to be raised, which was indistinguishable, and not capable of identification, until separated from the mass.—102 N. W. 479.

### E. H. Fuller.

The Treasurer of the American Grain Buyers Assn., which will hold its first general meeting in Minneapolis July 11th,

general meeting in Minneapolis July 11th, is E. H. Fuller, of Wheaton, Minn., whose portrait is presented herewith.

Mr. Fuller was born in Michigan some 44 years ago, and went to Dakota Territory in '82, where he obtained a position in the flat warehouse of A. W. Page at Broadland. Later he took entire charge of the business. The failure of crops in



E. H. Fuller, Wheaton, Minn.

'87 brought about his change to Battle Creek, Minn., where he had charge of an elevator for the North Star Elevator Co., which was later consolidated with the A. J. Sawyer system. He served the latter firm as buyer and agent two years at Great Bend, N. D., and three years at Tower City.

When the Sawyer system was absorbed by F. H. Peavey, Mr. Fuller continued three years longer, and then served as traveling superintendent of elevators in

traveling superintendent of elevators in Minnesota and North Dakota. Ill-health drove him to the mountains of Idaho, but later he returned and secured a position as agent for the Great Western Elevator Co. at Mayville, N. D. Later he became agent for the National Elevator Co. at Wheaton. At present he is giving much of his time to the interest of the American Grain Buyers Assn.

## Philippine Imports and Exports.

Philippine imports of breadstuffs during the 9 months prior to Oct. 1, 1904, amounted to 67,834 bus. of grain and 140,-966 barrels of wheat flour; compared with 22,773 bus. of grain and 148,000 barrels of wheat flour for the corresponding months of the preceding year, as reported by the

of the preceding year, as reported by the War Department.
Hay imports into the Philippines for the 9 months prior to Oct. I, 1904, were 2,872 tons; compared with 1,249 tons for the same months of 1903.
Rice imports for the 9 months of 1904 prior to Oct. I were 470,755,036 pounds compared with 600,673,165 pounds for the same months of the preceding year.
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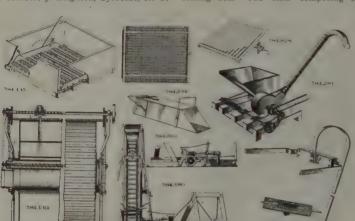
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Internal Combustion Engine. No. 949. Herbert J. Leighton, Syracuse, N. Scoop. No. 784,562. (See cut.) Arthur Hetland, Henning, Minn. The scoop has an open end, a plain side, a straight scooping edge, a removable cover disposed opposite the plain side, a pivoted bail secured adjacent to the open end, another pivoted hail secured to the end opposite the scooping edge.

Grain Sorter or Separator. No. 784, 135. (See cut.) Francis L. Block, Sidney, Ill. The patent covers the construction of a double bottom for a grain sep-arating box. The slats composing the

wheel loosely mounted at each end of the shaft, an eccentric on each gear wheel engaging rods to actuate dust dislodging devices. The relative speeds of the gears and shaft is such that blows are delivered against the surfaces of each section of the dust collector by the dust dislodger traveling back and forth the entire length of



Carbureter for Gas Engines. No. 784, 676. John F. and Max Hiltscher, Fullerton Cal.

Speed Attachment for Gas Engines. No. 784,917. Albert Buchner and Elmer P. McClure, Chicago, Ill.

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Electric Igniter for Explosive Engines. No. 784,626. Geo. McCadden, St. Cloud, Minn., assignor to Frank Zins, St. Cloud.

Revoluble Explosive Engine. No. 784,-808. Chas. A. Sawtelle, San Francisco, Cal., assignor to the Sawtelle Rotary Motor Co., San Francisco.

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Portable Grain Dump and Elevator. No. 784,180. (See cut.) John Rocke, Meadows, Ill. The tilting trap of the dumping platform is raised by ropes wound upon drums on a shaft driven by worm gear.

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Bag Holder. No. 784,594. (See cut.) John Riley, Scio, N. Y. The bag holder comprises a standard, a hollow casing secured to its upper end, arms, the inner ends of which extend into opposite ends of the casing and in which they are slidable by alinement with each other, each of the arms being bent to produce two elbows, from which the arms project torward in parallelism, and a spring in the casing.

Grain Separator Sieve. No. 784,828. See cut.) Eliphalet Armstrong, Mans-(See cut.) field, O., assignor, by direct and mesne assignments, of one-half to Lorenzo D. Patten and Samuel S. Bricker, Mansfield. A rectangular frame has journaled to it a number of parallel bars, on which secured concavo-convexed blades. To the free edges of the blades are attached arms pivotally attached to a reciprocating rod.

Pneumatic Grain Elevator. No. 784,-281. (See cut.) Frank Schacht, Limespring, Ia. Arranged side by side are a hopper and a fan, the fan having an opennopper and a tan, the fan having an opening thru its casing from the hopper and a second air inlet opening. A spiral feeder in the hopper feeds the grain horizontally into the fan casing, the fan and feeder being connected automatically when the fan has reached a predetermined speed. From the fan the grain is discharged thru an elevated inclined spout.

Dust Collector. st Collector. No. 784,140. (See Allen C. Brantingham, Toledo, O. The dust collector is composed of a rotary structure containing a multiplicity of dust collecting sections radially disposed, a continuously moving double screw shaft mounted above the dust collector, a gear

### To Improve Grain Grading at Chicago.

Chicago's new Chief Grain Inspector has made a proposal to the Grain Comite has made a proposal to the Grain Comite of the Chicago Board of Trade that merits the careful perusal of everyone doing business in this market. If carried out in spirit as well as letter the grading at Chicago will be conducted along lines suggested by Carl S. Scofield, of the U. S. Dept. of Agri, in the Grain Dealers Journal for Dec. 25, 1904, and would surely be more reliable and nearer uniform than can ever be accomplished under the present system of grading entirely by guess. The proposition from the Chief Inspector is as follows:

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR'S PROPOSI-TION.

To the Grain Committee-Chicago Board of

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To the Grain Committee—Chicago Board of Trade:

In the Campaign for the nomination of Governor of Illinois, one of the popular planks in the Republican, as well as the Democratic platforms, was the issue of Civil Service for State Institutions, and since the nomination there has been more or less talk and some influential pressure brought to bear to include the State Grain Inspection in the measure.

I was appointed Chief Grain Inspector in June, and throughout the nine months of service, I have had many matters brought to my attention on 'account of this agitation, which otherwise might have been allow to reach me, but I have found causes for investigation in some cases, and have found many statements which could not be backed up by facts, and which were entirely untrue; but we can as readily find good as bad when looking for it, and with the idea of mutual benefits, I asked Mr. Sager to use his good offices to arrange this meeting, which affords me the opportunity of unfolding an idea to which I have great hopes will bring about the Scientific Inspection of Grain, and the immediate outcome will, I am positive, give to both the receiver and the shipper of grain, a uniform and correct inspection of grain, according to the rules which govern the inspection.

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We would have extra men to take samples of each and every car inspected and samples of all vessels loaded. These samples could be delivered to our new department as promptly as they have been delivered at the Board of Trade, and would receive immediate attention by the expert inspectors. If, in the judgment of these experts, our inspector's inspection was correct, the sample could then be delivered to the responsible party on the Board, where it would receive its commercial value.

In disputed cases, a record could be taken, and a Supervising Inspector sent direct to the car, or vessel, to re-inspect the grain.

grain.

This new system appeals to me from the fact that it must be almost impossible, in the severe winter or rainy season, for any inspector to render good service. The physical condition of an inspector at a time when the thermometer is below zero, bun-

dled up as he must be and doing his duty as best he can, give thought to this new department where the comparison is a strong recommendation.

Our expert inspectors will receive these samples in a warm room, best calculated for the purpose, and without any interference, can examine and pass upon each sample.

I spoke of the immediate, correct and uniform inspection of grain, and wish to explain that thought. I take, for example, the work of the Corn expert. He will have allotted to his department, space for the samples of the fourteen inspectors inspecting the corn arriving on the various railroads, and each inspector's samples will be kept separate. In passing on these samples daily, he will be able to tell at a glance where the inspection is to severe or too liberal, and can correct the wrong by immediate e-inspection, and can, during the day, call the inspectors to task. It would be but a short time until this daily work would bring the different inspectors to a uniformity of inspection, and as these experts work on all samples and with all inspectors, the in and out inspection would be identical.

It is a school of instruction, and must come now or in the immediate future. It is easy to enlarge on the possible benefits which would come through the scientific experiments which would come through the scientific experiments which would be made daily by our chemist, and I wish I could give an intelligent expression of these chemical possibilities. I think it will be possible, in time, by the constant study these experts will give to the work, aided as they will be by the chemist, to place a value on grain. In other words, where two samples grade 2 Red, according to the rules, one may be worth 2 to 3 cents more than the other, and with the scientific report, the receiver would be in a position to demand, and possibly get, for the producer, the real value for his wheat. And then, I have other thoughts which I hesitate to express, because I am not a chemist, but which I believe can be accomplished.

I wish the Sta



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you, and, in the meantime, it is my earnest desire to work in close relations with your committee, accepting at all times your suggestions for consideration.

Yours truly,
W. S. Cowen,

W. S. Cowen, Chief Inspector.

## Supply Trade

James Stewart & Co., of Chicago, Ill., have established a sixth branch office, at 511 Hibernia Bank bldg., New Orleans, La.

Any one who has had a secret sus-picion in his breast that advertising did not pay should look at the returns of the gubernatorial election in Massachusetts.

Benjamin M. Steele, of Peoria, Ill., has brot suit against James Harrison, formerly with the Case Threshing Machine Co., Racine, Wis., for \$60,000 damages for infringement of patent.

The York Foundry & Engine Works, of York, Neb., have been appointed sole state agents in Nebraska for the New Era Man Elevator, which is becoming very popular and is being installed in numerous grain elevators.

The Galesburg Grain Separator Co. has been incorporated at Galesburg, Ill., to manufacture the separator invented by J. C. Benson. The capital stock is \$25,000, and the incorporators are Bates C. Benson, H. M. Chase and C. J. Colton.

The American Consul at Prague, Bohemia, Austria, has undertaken a new and most commendable work in the hope of increasing the trade between America and the Kingdom of Bohemia. Catalogs, circulars, small samples and photographs will be properly listed and filed in the Consulate for the inspection of any one interested. No doubt many American manufacturers will communicate with our American Consul to their advantage

The Witherspoon-Englar Co. has been incorporated at Chicago, Ill., to succeed Witherspoon, Englar & Co., grain elevator engineers, with offices in the Monadator Co. vator engineers, with offices in the Monadnock block. The capital stock is \$50,000,
paid up; and the officers are John M.
Witherspoon president and William C.
Englar, secy and treas. The new company will make a specialty of heavy construction and the designing and building of grain elevators in any form of
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# Sold Elevators to Insurance Companies.

BY H. D. DREISBACH.

During the past 25 years no section of the United States had as many elevator fires as Northwestern Ohio. In 1874 a firebug gang was organized and soon had a membership of about 20. Hundreds of buildings were fired for the purpose of defrauding insurance companies and satisfying the greed of the members of the gang.

Since the arrest of George E. Letcher in California a few months ago, the history of the gang is being thoroughly investigated, with the result that many revelations have been made. Letcher was a merchant at Montpelier, O., 20 years ago, at which time, it is claimed, he sought to defraud an insurance company by setting fire to his store one night. Since his arrest, he has been confined in jail at Bryan, O.

The gang seemed to be well organized and operated in squads, each squad having its particular headquarters.

The grain elevator business was operated from Fayette, O. At that time railroads were being built very rapidly through this section, thus opening new territory. With rapid strides being made in railroad building, towns grew like mushrooms. Among the first accessions in the commercial life of each town was a grain elevator, the companies operating the elevators being composed of the business men of the community, who sought by this means to attract trade to the town. In quite a number of these places the business was not sufficient to make the elevator business pay, so failure was the inevitable result. In these cases, these elevators, which seldom cost more than \$5,000, would be put on the market and sold at a low figure.

As these concerns failed, this gang would bid at the sales and get possess-sion of these elevators at from one-third to one-half what they originally cost.

Once in possession of an elevator, a well-known and highly respected young man of the locality was put in charge. It seems the members of the gang had considerable capital or they could not have operated as they did. With the gang in possession of the grain house, the business was run with a high hand for several months. During this time a cent or two more would be paid for grain than was being paid by competitors in the adjoining towns. This method never failed to get the trade, as farmers would drive in from far and near. With business at a top notch, the firebug organization would, through one of its members, spring a proposition of sale to the young man who happened to be in charge, no money being needed to swing the transaction. All that was necessary for this young man to do to come into possession of the elevator was to give his note, which in most cases would be very close to the original cost.

The elevator was always heavily insured. Upon the latter transfer being made and the note being given, the insurance policy played a very important mission as collateral. Then the firebug leader would retire from all ownership of the elevator, hypothecate the note and the insurance policy at some bank, afterward applying the torch to the elevator

with the usual result that it was totally destroyed.

The insurance company, in being notified of the fire, would make an investigation, only to find the bank in possession of the policy. The fact that the policy was in the hands of the bank gave the insurance company good reasons for believing that everything was all right, consequently the full face value of the policy was paid without a quibble.

In this way the firebug was enabled to stay in the background and at the same time realize a big percentage on the money invested.

When the firebug could not make the aforesaid disposal of the elevator, the firebug owner would dispose of nearly all the grain, then "doctor" the books to show that there was more grain in the building at time of the fire than there really was. With the grain receipts padded heavily for several weeks, the place was then fired, with the result that the owner realized handsomely on his investment. Other minor schemes were worked, all of which goes to make a very interesting story.

During the life of this firebug organization it is estimated that the insurance companies lost a total of nearly \$2,000,000 on all classes of buildings, elevators included. The gang was exposed two years ago; 40 indictments have been returned, 18 men have been sent to the penitentiary, many have fled from the country to escape exposure, while two have committed suicide. One of the gang has turned state's evidence and confessed, thus implicating many prominent men throughout this section. Every day brings some new revelation, and it is expected that the trial of Letcher will be very thrilling in the extreme, implicating others who have for the past few years been in the background.

# Imports and Exports of Beans and Peas.

Imports of beans and peas for the 7 months prior to Feb. 1 amounted to 328,-135 bus.; compared with 635,018 bus. for the corresponding months of 1903-4.

Exports of beans and peas during the 7 months prior to Feb. 1 were 190,539 bus.; compared with 181,234 bus. for the corresponding period preceding.

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Exports of foreign beans and peas for the 7 months amounted to 58,754 bus.; compared with 92,629 bus. for the same period of 1903-4, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.

## Imports and Exports of Rice.

Imports of rice and rice products for the 7 months prior to Feb. 1 amounted to 22,242,242 pounds of rice and 42,888,153 pounds of rice flour, rice meal, and broken rice; compared with 37,863,074 pounds of rice and 47,738.154 pounds of rice flour, rice meal, and broken rice for the corresponding period of the preceding year.

sponding period of the preceding year.
Exports of rice and rice products for the 7 months prior to Feb. 1 were 23,236,386 pounds of rice and 24,578,573 pounds of rice bran, meal and polish; compared with 764,155 pounds of rice and 22,718,509 pounds of rice bran, meal and polish for the corresponding months of 1903-4, as reported by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics.



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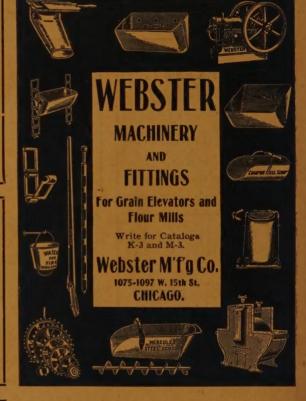
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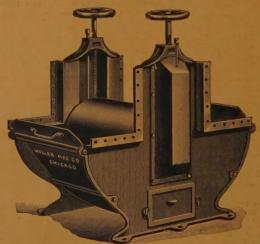
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